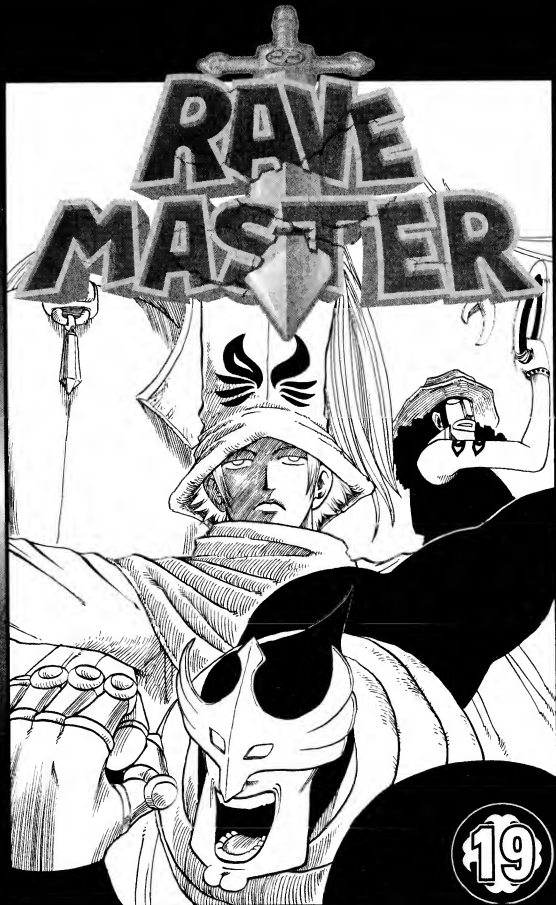


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THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" sentinoid, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

THE ORACION SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

THE STORY SO FAR...

After a fierce battle against **Doryu** (and a scary moment when **Haru** momentarily faded from existence), our heroes finally stop for a rest at the merpeople's village. But there is no rest for the wicked, as **DC's** super secret "**Project DR**" is set in motion. After saying goodbye to **Celia**, Haru and the gang set sail in a flying ship...only be attacked by **Jegan** and a flock of dragons. The survival of our heroes rest squarely on Let's shoulders, as he and Jegan prepare for the mother of all clashes!





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ANOTHER
DRAGON
?!



THIS
IS...

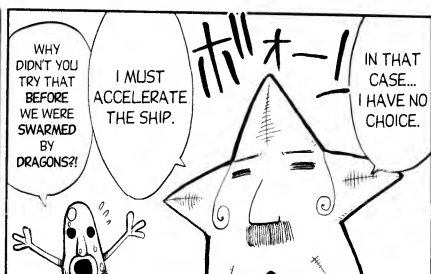
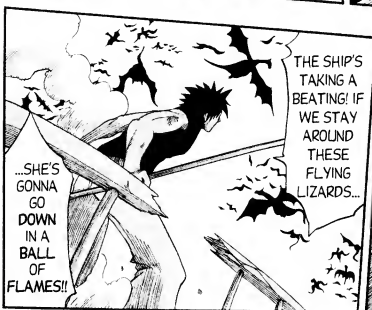
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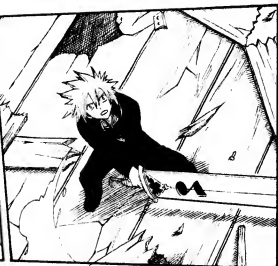


EVEN A
SWORD AS
SHARP AS
MINE CAN'T
CRACK ITS
SCALES!

THIS
IMPERIAL
DRAGON
HAS MUCH
TOUGHER
HIDE THAN
THE OTHERS.

OF
COURSE I
WOULDN'T
FIGHT
ATOP MY
DELICATE
JULIA.







TRUE
FRIENDS
SHALL
NEVER
PART.



ALL RIGHT,
BONY!!
SPEED US
UP!!!

AYE-
AYE,
SIR!



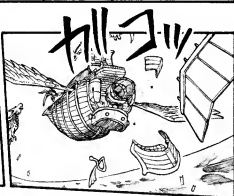
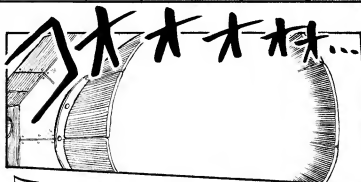
FRIENDS...

LET
CALLED
US
FRIENDS,
POYO.

ON!!!

TURBO
MAGIC...

ゴッルッ



HE IS NOTHING
BEFORE YOUR
POWER!!!
SHOW HIM THE
MIGHT OF THE
DRAGON RACE!!!

DRAGONS!!
DO NOT LET
THE RAVE
MASTER
ESCAPE!!



RIP
HIM TO
PIECES!!!

KILL
HIM!!!





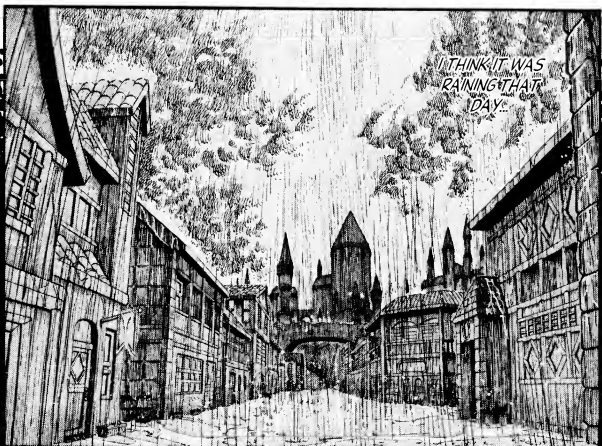
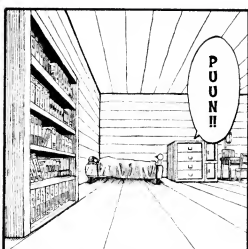
GOOD LUCK,
LET! I KNOW
YOU'LL
BEAT HIM!



COME
BACK
SOON!!



DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
PROMISE!!!





THERE WAS
NO ONE
OUTSIDE

I WAS CRYING
IN A ROOM
SOMEWHERE



WHY WAS I
CRYING?



...I THINK IT WAS
AN IMPORTANT...
BUT VERY SAD...
DAY

THAT DAY... I DON'T
REMEMBER WHAT
DAY IT WAS, BUT...



KAIM SAID
TO GO
OUTSIDE...



I THINK
SOMEONE
WAS
WAITING
FOR ME.

SOMETHING
HAPPENED
THAT DAY...



YES...

THAT'S
RIGHT...

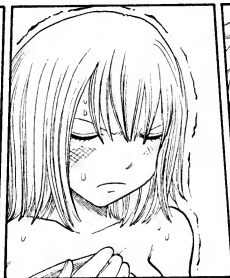
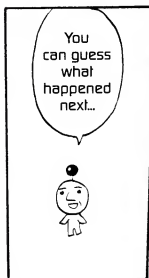
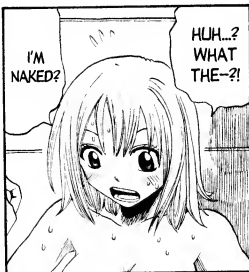
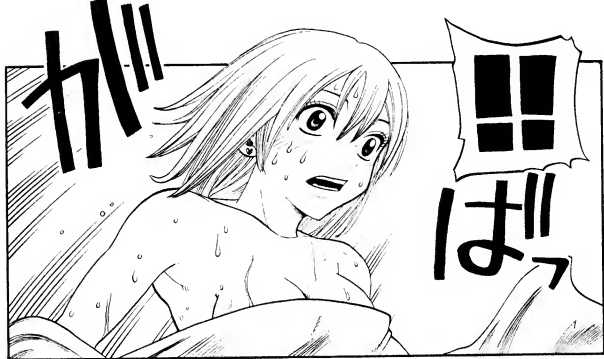


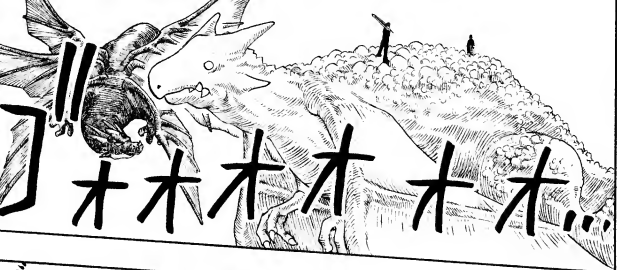
...BUT I
STAYED
INDOORS
AND
CRIED.

THAT DAY...

I WANTED TO
APOLOGIZE...
I WANTED
TO FIX
THINGS...BUT
I COULDN'T.
I COULDN'T...
SO I CRIED.

I'D DONE
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE
THAT DAY.





...I'LL NEVER
GET JULIA
BACK...AND
THE DRAGONS
PURSUING HARU
WILL NOT BE
QUELLED.

UNLESS
I DEFEAT
HIM...



STEEL
DRAGON
EDGE!!!

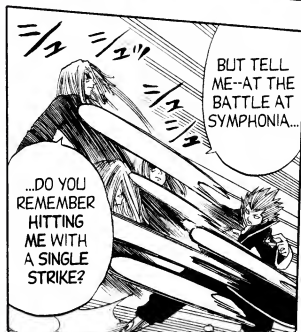
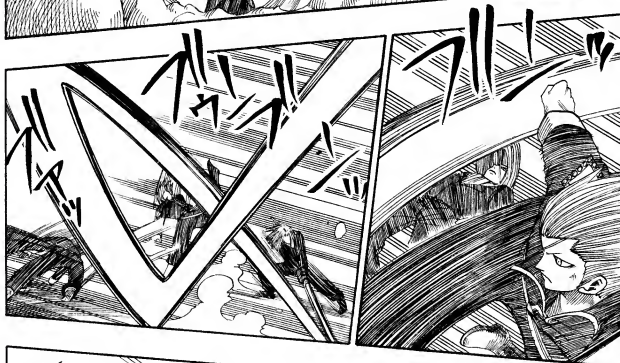


PREPARE
YOURSELF!!

THEY
ARE ALL
COUNTING
ON ME!



BRING
IT ON.



BUT TELL ME--AT THE BATTLE AT SYMPHONIA...

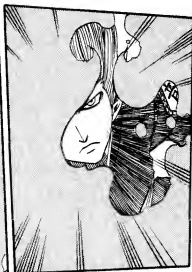
...DO YOU REMEMBER HITTING ME WITH A SINGLE STRIKE?

YOU HAVE IMPROVED... A BIT.



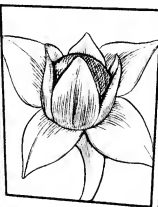
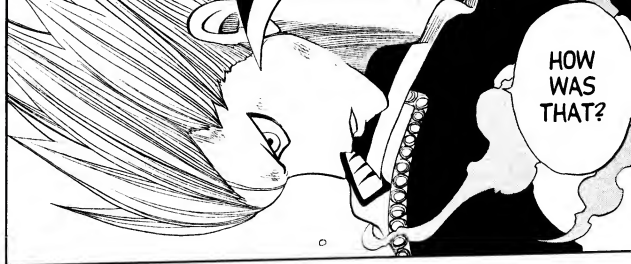
MY
YGGDRASIL
DB
ABSORBS
ALL
DAMAGE!

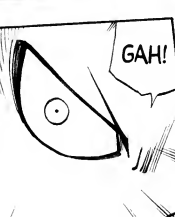
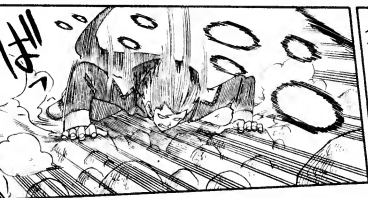
DO YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
CAN BURN
ME WITH
FIRE?!

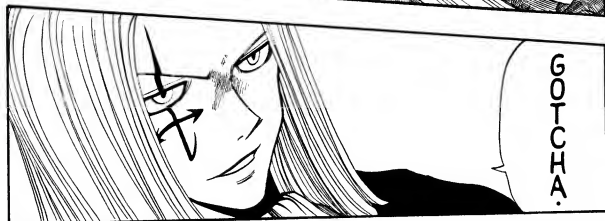
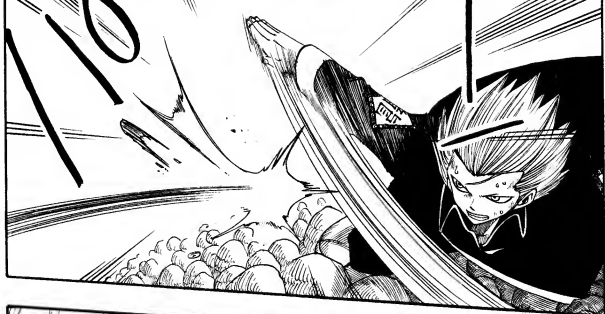


W-
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

I
CAN'T
SEE!!









YOUR
FRIENDS
WON'T
SAVE
YOU THIS
TIME.

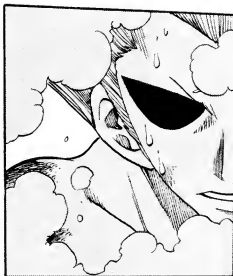
IT'S
OVER.



G
A
A
H
!!!



WHAT?!



YOU
SCORCH-
ED YOUR
OWN ARM!!



FOR JULIA'S
SAKE...
AND FOR
MY FRIENDS.

I WILL
NOT...
CAN
NOT...
LOSE.

RAVE MASTER





...MY
MEMORY
IS
COMING
BACK.

LITTLE
BY
LITTLE,
PIECE
BY
PIECE...

GREAT!
NEVER
BETTER!

HOW'RE
YOU
FEELING,
ELIE?

WHAT DID
I DO?!

BUT
WHAT
HAPPENED
ON
THAT
DAY?

DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
THE POWER
OF MERMAID
MAGIC.

WHAT?
AL-
READY?

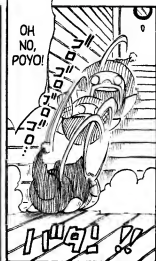
ATTENTION,
EVERYONE!
WE WILL BE
ARRIVING AT
KOLSA KADERA
PLAINS ON
SOUTH IIMA
SHORTLY...



WE SHOULD
KEEP GOING
UNTIL WE
REACH A
CITY!



THE
DRAGONS
ARE
STILL
FOLLOW-
ING
US,
POYO!!



OH
NO,
POYO!

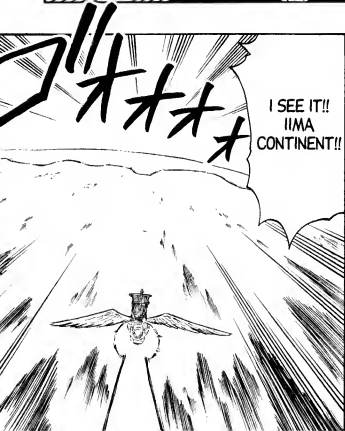
!!



WE HAVE TO
COUNTER-
ATTACK
ON THE
PLAINS!

IF WE LEAD
THEM INTO
A CITY, IT
WOULD BE
A DISASTER.

NO WAY!
THESE
DRAGONS
ARE OUR
PROBLEM!

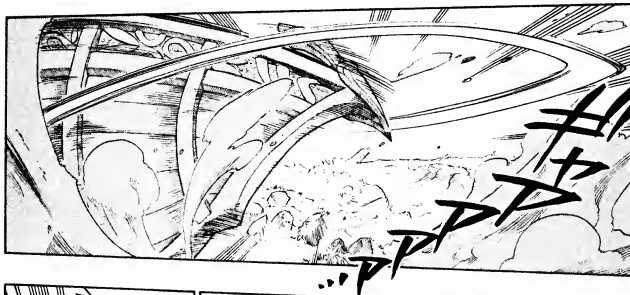


I SEE IT!!
IIMA
CONTINENT!!



AND IF LET
DEFEATS
JEGAN, THE
DRAGONS
WILL CALM
DOWN, TOO!

GOOD
THINKING.
THEN
WE CAN
REALLY
GIVE 'EM
HELL.



ELIE,
RUBY--
YOU GUYS
COMIN'?



NO TIME
TO LOSE!
GET
READY TO
FIGHT!!



NICE
LANDING,
STARRY!
COULDN'T
YOU HAVE
TAKEN US
DOWN A
LITTLE
SOFTER?!

NEED I
REMIND
YOU THAT
THIS SHIP
WAS BUILT
FOR THE
SEA?



TIME
FOR
ROUND
TWO!!
LET'S
GO!!!



YOU'RE
CERTAINLY
STRONGER
THAN YOU
WERE
BEFORE.

VERY
NICE,
LET.



NO MORE
TRICKS,
JEGAN. LET'S
SETTLE THIS
HAND-TO-
HAND.



YOU
COULDN'T
BEAT ME
WITH TWO
ARMS--SO
WHAT
MAKES YOU
THINK YOU
CAN DO IT
WITH ONLY
ONE?

HAND-TO-
HAND?
DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH!



HOWEVER, YOU
REMAIN NO
MATCH FOR THE
POWER OF THE
GREATEST OF
THE ORACION SIX!



THEY
ARE
FAST
!!

NOW
WITNESS
THE TRUE
POWER
OF THE
ORACION
SIX!!

DON'T
CONFLUSE
ME WITH
SHUDA AND
REINA!

TREES?!



FIRE
DRAGON
FLARE!!!



TREE
LEAF
SLICE!!

YOU LET
YOUR GUARD
DOWN.



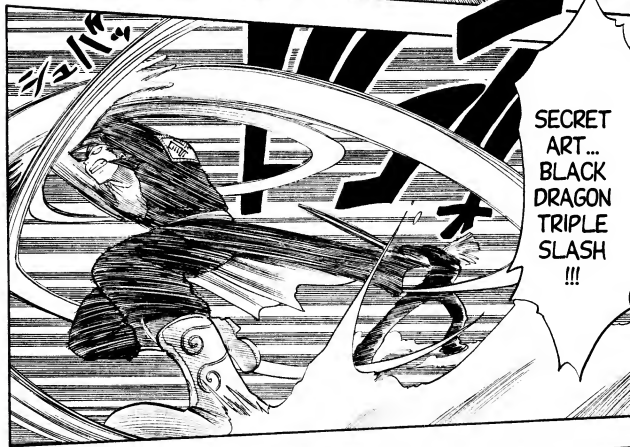
SECRET
ART...

LET US
SEE HOW
YOU DEAL
WITH
THIS!



HEAVENLY
DRAGON
TIGER
BLOW
!!!

PATHETIC



SECRET
ART...
BLACK
DRAGON
TRIPLE
SLASH
!!!

PATHETIC

IS THAT
THE
BEST
YOU'VE
GOT,
LET?





MASTER
DEEP
SNOW!
ONE OF
THE
DRAGONS
IS--

GAH!!

I CAME IN
CASE JEGAN
FAILED... BUT
IT APPEARS
THAT
WON'T BE A
CONCERN.

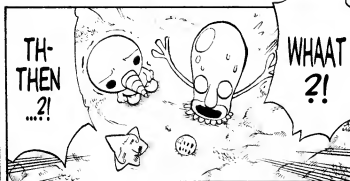
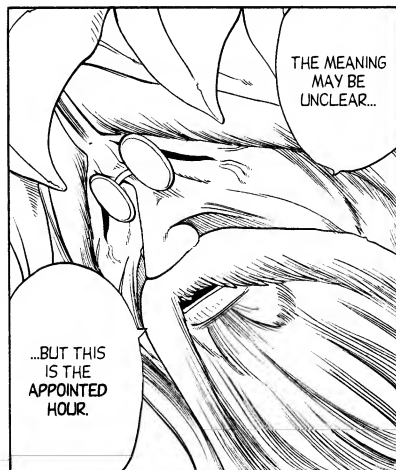
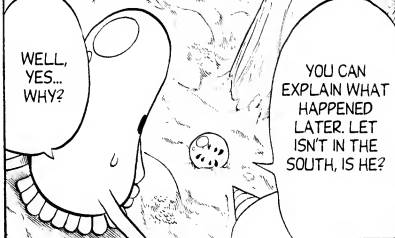


SO MANY
DRAGONS...
I'M IM-
PRESSED.



IN THE END,
THEY'RE
JUST BEASTS
THAT CANNOT
DISTINGUISH
FRIEND FROM
FOE.

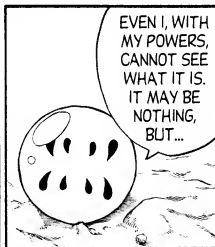






THAT
BLACK
DRAGON-
JULIA-IS
VERY
PRECIOUS
TO MASTER
LET!!!

MISS
JULIA
!!!



EVEN I, WITH
MY POWERS,
CANNOT SEE
WHAT IT IS.
IT MAY BE
NOTHING,
BUT...



BUT
ABOUT
THE
PROPHECY
...

THE FUTURE
IS A TRICKY
THING. I DO
NOT KNOW.



IS IT
POSSIBLE TO
CHANGE THE
FUTURE YOU
SAW?

M
M
M

POOR MR. LET
IS GOING TO
LOSE HIS ONE
TRUE LOVE! O'
WOEFUL DAY!
WOE! WOE!



...LET'S
OWN...

WHAT IF THE
PRECIOUS THING
IS NOT JULIA,
BUT RATHER...



SO THIS
IS THE
ORACION
SIX'S TRUE
POWER!

TOO
STRONG...



...YOU
WANTED
TO BE
STRONGER
THAN
ANYONE.

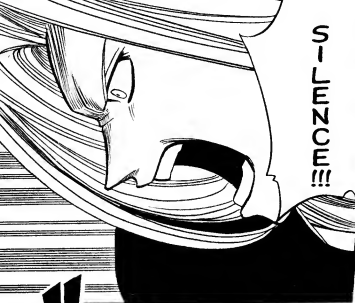
LONG AGO,
YOU SAID
THAT...



A WEAKLING
LIKE YOU HAS NO
RIGHT TO JULIA!

IS THIS
THE
PINNACLE
OF YOUR
PURSUITS
?!

GUARD!!



SILENCE!!!



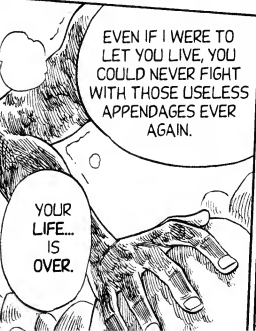
HMPH. AND
YOUR TWISTED
OBSESSIVE "LOVE"
GIVES YOU THAT
RIGHT?



DON'T
YOU DARE
LECTURE
ME,
WEAKLING!!!



I AM THE
DRAGON
RACE'S FINEST
WARRIOR! I
ALONE AM
WORTHY OF
JULIA!!!



EVEN IF I WERE TO
LET YOU LIVE, YOU
COULD NEVER FIGHT
WITH THOSE USELESS
APPENDAGES EVER
AGAIN.

YOUR
LIFE...
IS
OVER.



JUST GIVE
UP. THOSE
ARMS
WON'T HIT
ANYTHING,
NOW.



HEH
HEH
HEH...



I NEEDN'T
L-LIVE
TO SEE
ANOTHER
DAY...



I B-
BEG TO
DIFFER
...



ALL THAT
MATTERS...
IS THAT
I DEFEAT
YOU HERE
AND NOW.



THE
DRAGON
RACE'S
FINAL
SECRET
ART...



THAT
STANCE!!!



...BUT ONLY IF
ONE IS WILLING
TO SACRIFICE
HIS OWN LIFE
TO HIM.

BY EXALTING THE
DRAGON GOD, ONE
CAN BE GRANTED
UNPARALLELED
POWER...



YOU
WOULD
THROW
AWAY
YOUR
LIFE
JUST TO
BEAT
ME?!



THE
ULTIMATE
ART,
TRADING
ONE'S LIFE
FOR THE
POWER
OF THE
DRAGON
GOD...

THE
LEGEND
HANDLED
DOWN
FROM
THE
ELDERS...



I
KNOW.



YOU'LL
NEVER
SEE JULIA
AGAIN!!

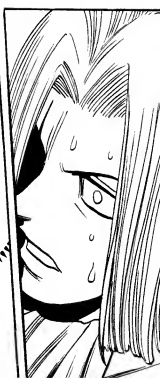


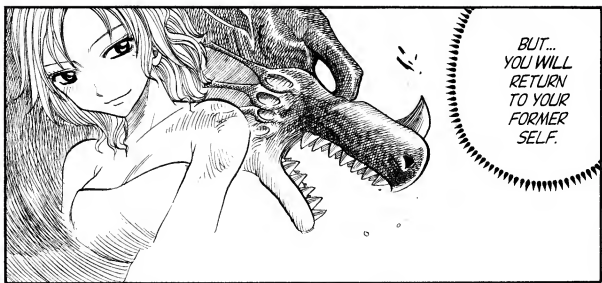
THAT WAS SETTLED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

BUT NOW IT
SEEMS THAT CAN
NEVER BE.



JULIA...FROM
THE MOMENT I
REALIZED YOU
STILL LIVED...I
COULDN'T REST
UNTIL I SAW
YOU AGAIN...





BUT...
YOU WILL
RETURN
TO YOUR
FORMER
SELF.



I AM GLAD
TO HAVE
KNOWN YOU
ALL.

STOP!!



AND...
HARU...



...FOR THEIR
HEARTS
ARE BOUND
TOGETHER.

TRUE
FRIENDS
NEVER
PART...



ULTIMATE
SECRET
ART...

...ROAR
OF THE
DRAGON
GOD!!



RAVE MASTER



THERE'S STILL SO MANY LEFT...

THINGS ARE GONNA GET UGLY REAL QUICK.



SPINNING... I'M OUT, POYO!

I'M ALREADY POOPED...

MASTER PLIE, TAKE RUBY SOMEWHERE SAFE!!

PUUN!!



HOW LONG WE BEEN DOIN' THIS?!

ABOUT AN HOUR!



LET'S GONNA WIN FOR SURE!

HANG IN THERE, EVERYONE!

THE GROOVE ADVENTURE

RAVE

MASTER

RAVE:149 + FINAL BATTLE





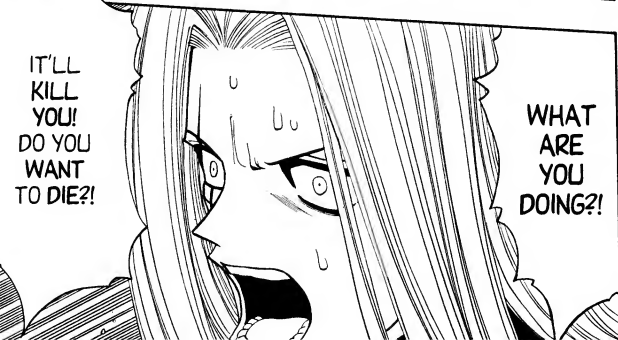
RAVE



NOW HIS
POWER IS
WITHIN MY
HANDS!

BOOM

ULTIMATE
SECRET
ART...ROAR
OF THE
DRAGON
GOD!!



IT'LL
KILL
YOU!
DO YOU
WANT
TO DIE?!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING?!

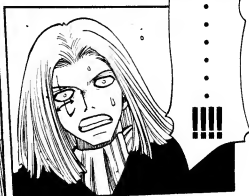


THIS IS
MY FINAL
BATTLE.

DID
YOU
FORGET?



CRAP!!!



!!!!



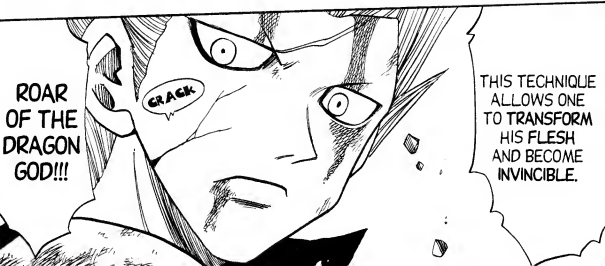
NO DRAGON
RACE
COULD
MASTER
THAT
SECRET
ART!

YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE
LEARNED
IT!



IMPOSSIBLE!
THE STEEL
SHATTERED ON
IMPACT ALONE!

WITNESS
THE
DRAGON
GOD'S
POWER...

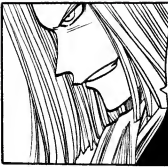


ROAR
OF THE
DRAGON
GOD!!!

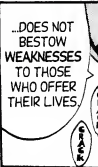
THIS TECHNIQUE
ALLOWS ONE
TO TRANSFORM
HIS FLESH
AND BECOME
INVINCIBLE.







FOOL...
THE SEEDS
TOUCHED YOU.
NOW YOU'LL
HAVE TO BURN
BOTH ARMS!



...DOES NOT
BESTOW
WEAKNESSES
TO THOSE
WHO OFFER
THEIR LIVES.

SHAK
SHAK



THE
DRAGON
GOD'S
POWER...



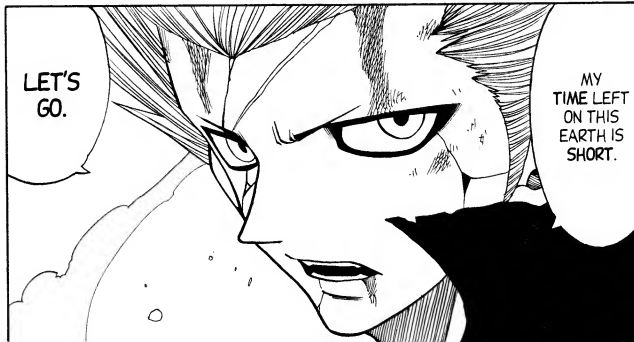
YOU MEAN
YOU BEAT
ALL THAT
AWAY WITH
AIR ALONE?!

AIR
PRES-
SURE?!



NOT
ONE OF
THEM
TOUCHED
ME.

THAT
WILL
NOT
BE
NECES-
SARY.



LET'S
GO.

MY
TIME LEFT
ON THIS
EARTH IS
SHORT.





CRACK

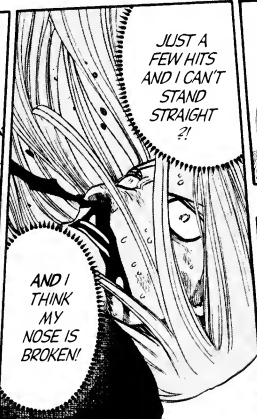


OOF!!



IT CAN'T
BE...! I'M
LOSING?!

I, A
MEMBER
OF THE
ORACION
SIX...
LOSING TO
LET?!



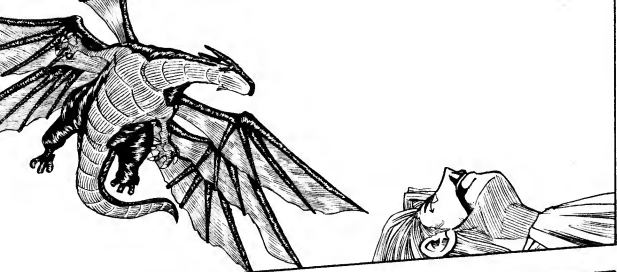
JUST A
FEW HITS
AND I CAN'T
STAND
STRAIGHT
?!

AND I
THINK
MY
NOSE IS
BROKEN!?



EVEN YGG-
DRASIL
CAN'T
STOP
SUCH
POWER!





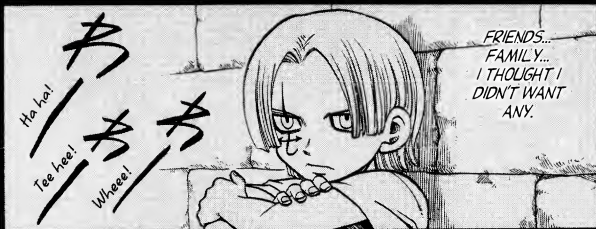
IF I DIE, WILL
I BE ALONE
AGAIN..

...LIKE I
WAS BACK
THEN?



I LIVED
ALONE SINCE
I WAS A
CHILD.

FOR SOME
REASON, PEOPLE
DIDN'T TRUST
ME...SO THEY
STAYED AWAY.



FRIENDS...
FAMILY...
I THOUGHT I
DIDN'T WANT
ANY.



...JULIA
CAME
AND
SPOKE TO
ME



WANNA
PLAY
TOGETHER?

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
HERE
WATCHING.

BUT
THEN...



I'M JULIA.
THAT'S LET.
AND YOU
ARE?

HE TALKS
LIKE AN
OLD MAN.

WHAT,
THIS
FELLOW?



...BUT I
NEVER
MADE
ANY REAL
FRIENDS.

YEARS
PASSED...



AT LEAST
JULIA--
AND JULIA
ALONE--
WAS KIND
TO ME.



I WAS
ALWAYS
QUIET,
SHY...AND
IF THEY
COULDN'T
GET PAST
THAT, THAT
WAS FINE
BY ME.

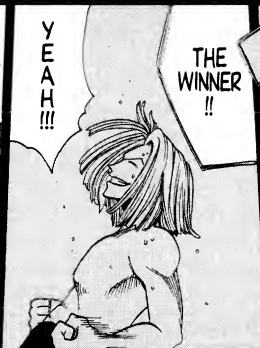


I HAD DECIDED
THAT I WOULD
TELL JULIA
HOW I FELT
RIGHT AFTER.

AT OUR
VILLAGE'S
ANNUAL
TOURNAMENT,
I CHALLENGED
LET IN THE
FINAL ROUND.



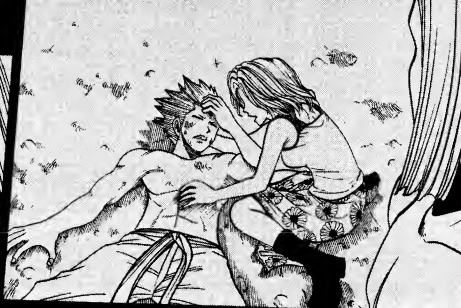
JULIA
...



Y
E
A
H
!!!

THE
WINNER
!!





BUT
...

...THE
RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN LET
AND JULIA.

I WAS A
FOOL.

THERE WAS
NO PLACE
FOR ME
BETWEEN
THEM.

THAT'S
WHEN
I FIRST
LEARNED
ABOUT...



...I
WON'T
LET
HER GO
AGAIN!

NOW
THAT
I HAVE
HER...

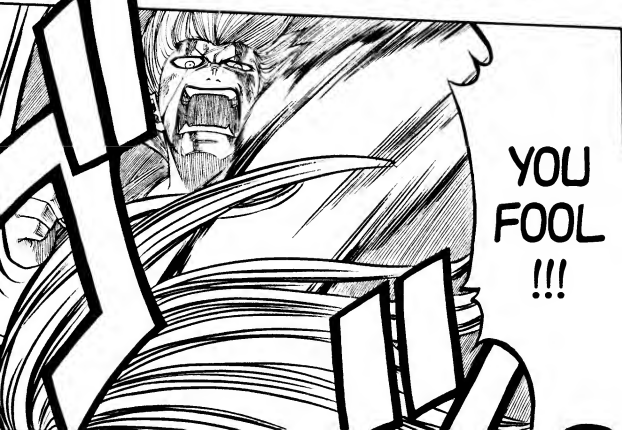


BUT I WANTED
JULIA--NO
MATTER WHAT I
HAD TO DO!



EVEN
IN HER
PRESENT
STATE--
I STILL
LOVE
HER!!

I WON'T
LET YOU
TAKE HER
FROM ME!!



YOU
FOOL
!!!



SCUM LIKE
YOU HAS
NO RIGHT
TO LOVE
HER!!!

DO YOU
THINK
NOTHING
OF HER
HAPPINESS?!

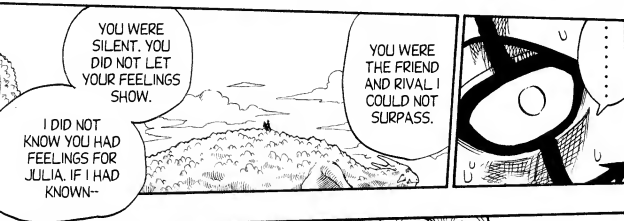
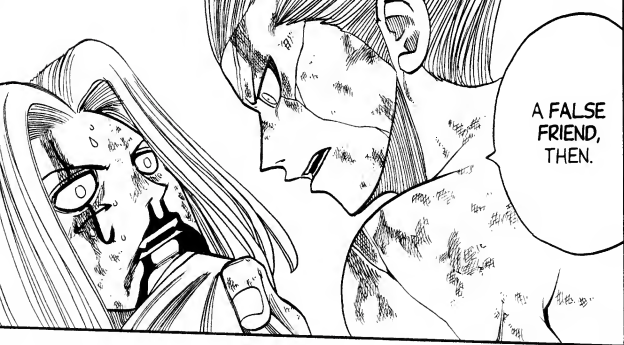


FRIEND?! IS
THAT WHAT YOU
THOUGHT?! WHAT
A JOKE!!

YOU
NEVER ONCE
TREATED
ME LIKE A
FRIEND!!

YOU ARE NOT
THE MAN I
CALLED FRIEND
LONG AGO!!







...BECAUSE
WE LOVED
THE SAME
WOMAN.

IT NEVER
OCCURRED
TO ME...



JUST

FRIEND...?
LOVED
THE SAME
WOMAN...?





DAMN
IT
ALL!!

DAMN
IT!!



JULIA
!!!



IT ENDS
HERE.



I DON'T
WANT TO
BE ALONE
AGAIN!!

NO! NOT
TRULY
ALONE!!
NEVER
AGAIN!!



WHEN YOU
REGAIN
YOUR
ORIGINAL
FORM...

...HELP
HARU
AND THE
OTHERS
IN MY
PLACE.



CHOMP

I NOW
SEVER
THE
TWISTED
BONDS
BETWEEN
US!!

TAKE
YOUR
MALICE
AND
HATRED
WITH
YOU TO
THE NEXT
WORLD!!

JULIA...



JEGAN...



MY TASK IS
COMPLETE.



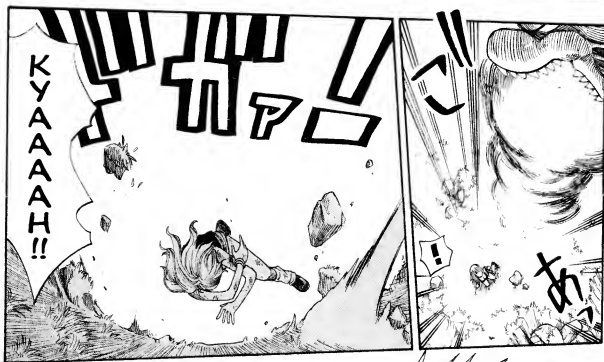
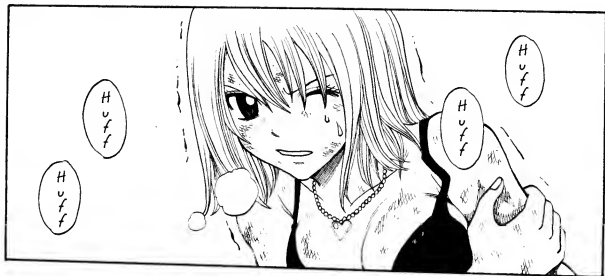
...HARU...
AND THE
OTHERS...

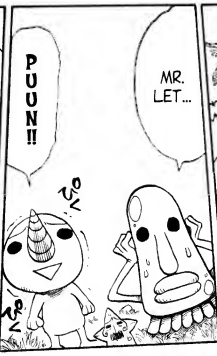
FAREWELL...

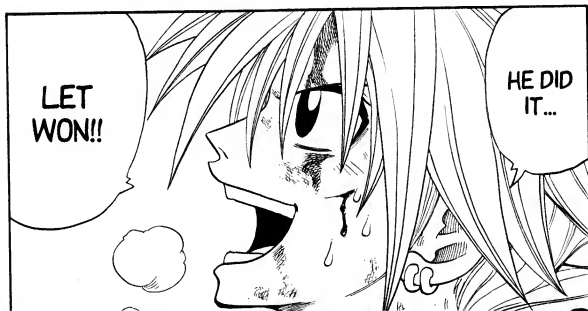


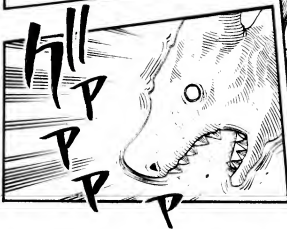
NOW THE
ORACION SIX
IS DOWN ONE
MAN.

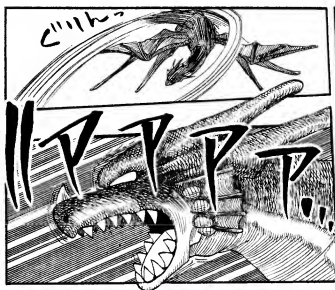


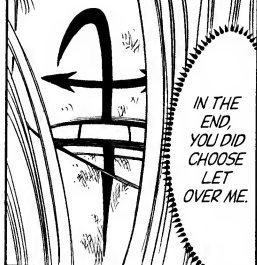












IN THE
END,
YOU DID
CHOOSE
LET
OVER ME.



JULIA...



...IN
BODY...
AND
SOUL.

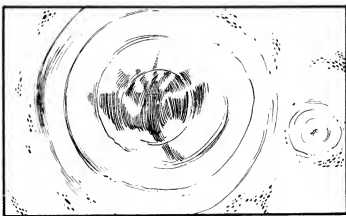
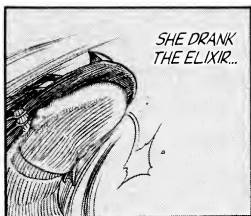
I
HAVE
BEEN DE-
FEATED
...

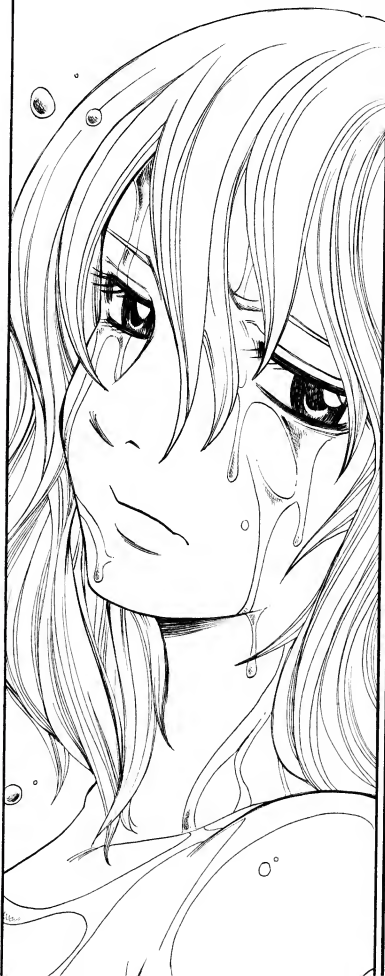


NEVER
HAVE I
EXPERI-
ENCED
UTTER
DEFEAT.



NEVER HAVE
I TASTED ITS
LIKE BEFORE...

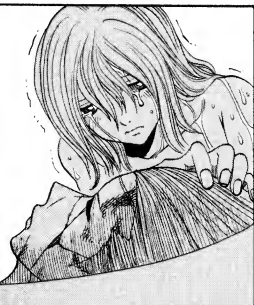
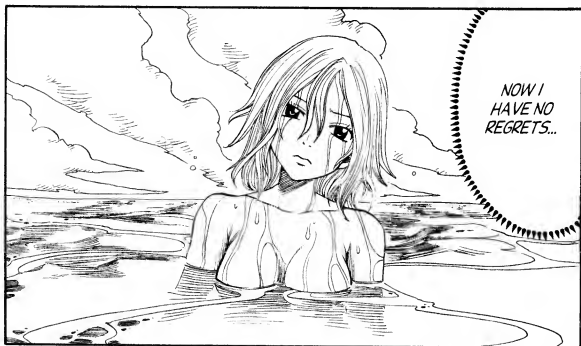
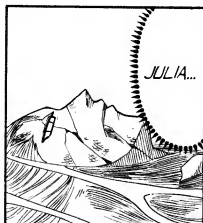
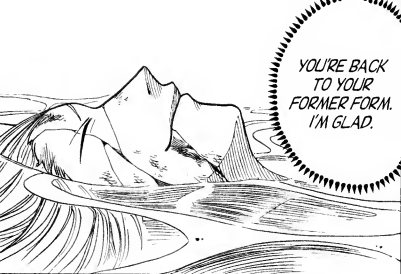




HI



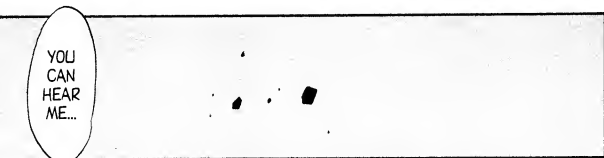
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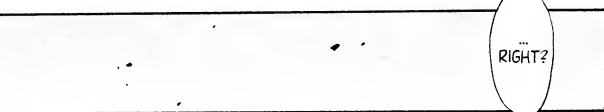




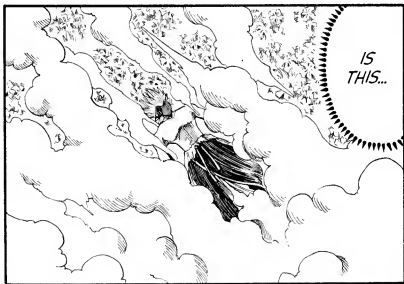
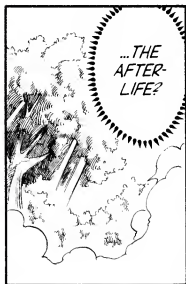
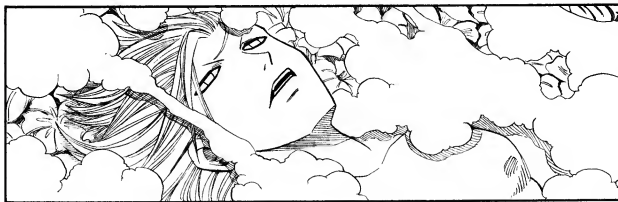
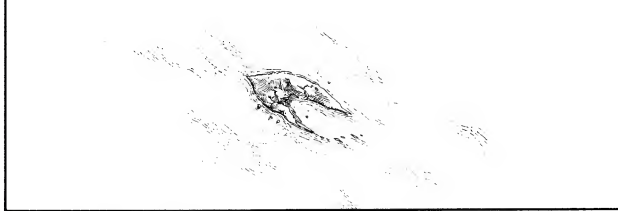
LET...

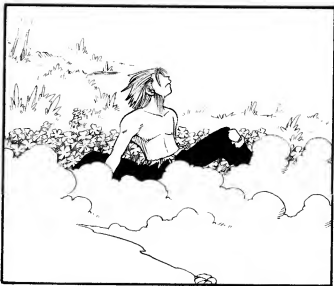
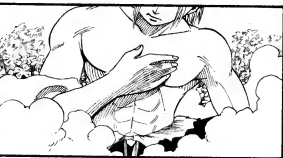


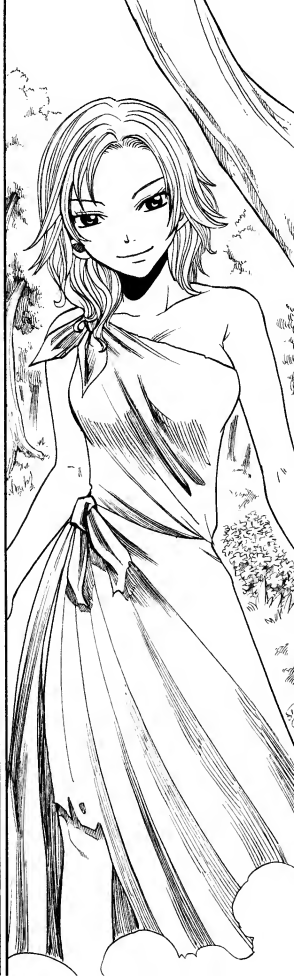
YOU
CAN
HEAR
ME...

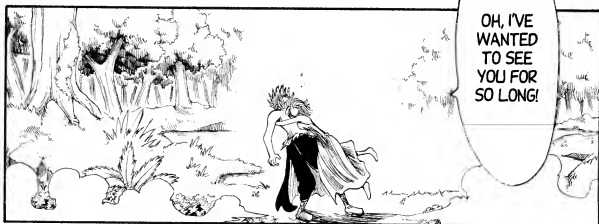
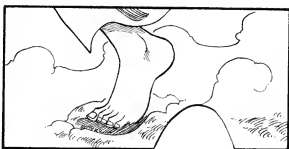


...
RIGHT?





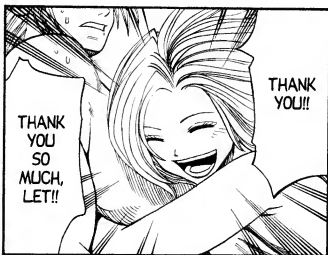




OH, I'VE
WANTED
TO SEE
YOU FOR
SO LONG!



I...I DIDN'T
THINK I'D
EVER RETURN
TO THIS
FORM!



THANK
YOU!!

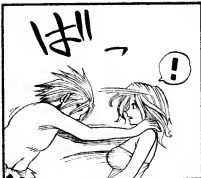
THANK
YOU
SO
MUCH,
LET!!



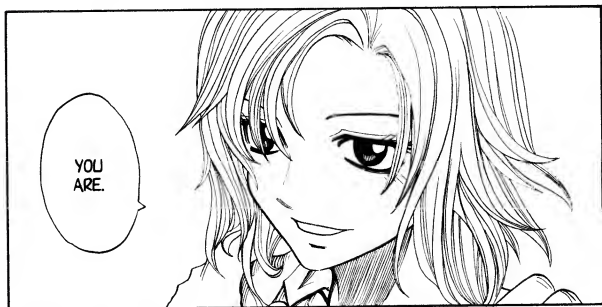


AM I...
ALIVE?

ARE YOU
REALLY
JULIA?



ARE
YOU...



YOU
ARE.



BUT...
HOW CAN
THAT BE...?

I DIDN'T
KNOW IF IT
WOULD BE
ENOUGH,
BUT I SAVED
THE OTHER
HALF FOR
YOU.



WHEN YOU
THREW IT
TO ME, I
DIDN'T DRINK
THE WHOLE
POTION.



DID YOU
FORGET
THE
KISS?

TRY TO
FEEL
HAPPY
THAT
YOU'RE
ALIVE!

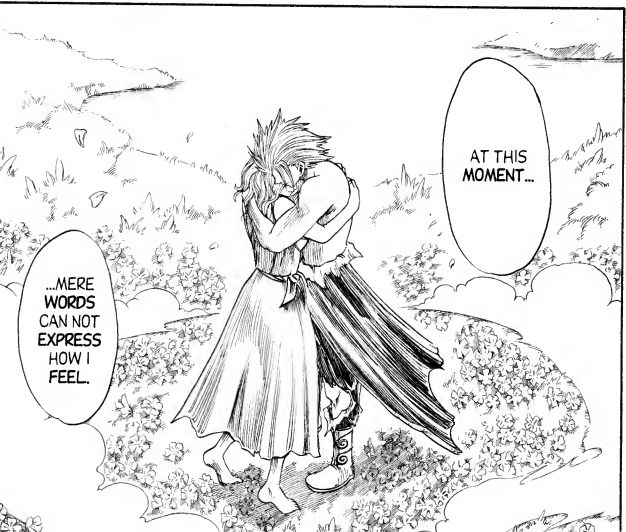


NOW
DON'T
SAY IT
LIKE
THAT.

SO I AM
ALIVE
AFTER
ALL...



I
SEE...



...MERE
WORDS
CAN NOT
EXPRESS
HOW I
FEEL.

AT THIS
MOMENT...

I WAS
WARNED NOT
TO UNDER-
ESTIMATE
THEM.

A MEMBER
OF THE ORACION
SIX LOST TO
ONE OF THE
RAVE MASTER'S
LACKEYS?!

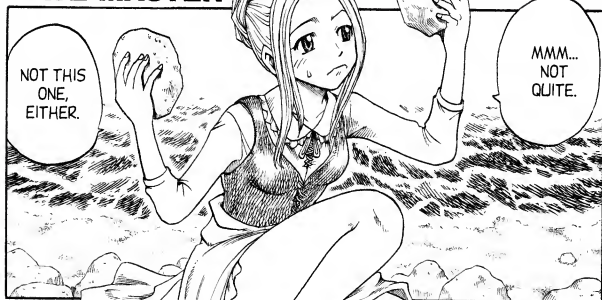


NOW THAT
THEY ARE
WEAK, THIS
IS THE BEST
TIME TO
STRIKE.

I WILL BE
YOUR NEXT
OPPONENT.



RAVE MASTER



NOT THIS
ONE,
EITHER.

MMM...
NOT
QUITE.



THERE'RE GOOD
STONES AND
BAD STONES. IF
WE GET A GOOD
ONE IT'LL BE
GREAT...!

THEY'RE
MATERIALS
FOR MY
SCULPTURES.

GROCK!
THESE
AREN'T
ORDINARY
ROCKS!

HEY, JANA...
ISN'T THAT
ENOUGH
ROCKS FOR
TODAY?

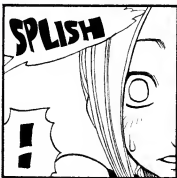


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...WITH
BEING
CHOOSY
?



I DO
WANT A
BOY-
FRIEND...
BUT
WHAT'S
WRONG...



SPLISH



I DON'T GET THIS
SCULPTURE THING. IF
YOU PICK HUSBANDS
LIKE YOU PICK ROCKS,
YOU'RE NEVER GETTIN'
MARRIED.

Hah hah...

YOU
TALK
TOO
MUCH!



**Wrist
Dome--
The
Roofed
City**



HMPH. I'D
RATHER
THE WHOLE
THING JUST
WENT
AWAY.

ANYWAY...DON'T
YOU THINK JANA'S
DESIGNS FOR THE
DOME'S WALLS
ARE GREAT?



NOT
THAT
AGAIN...

DIDN'T
THEY
KNOW
THAT A
DARK ROOF
ABSORBS
HEAT?

GEEZ...I DON'T
KNOW WHO
BUILT THIS
ANCIENT
DOME...BUT
IT'S A REAL
PAIN! I'M
BAKING ALIVE
IN HERE!

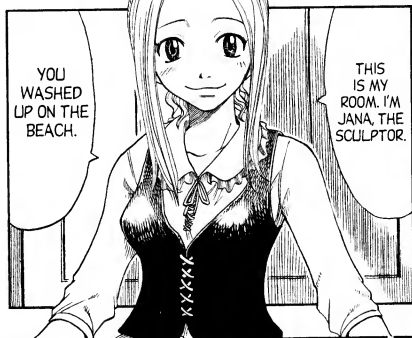
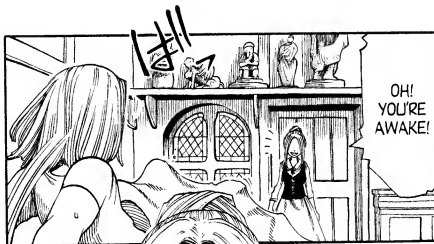


THEY SAY
HE HAS SOME
WEIRD MARK
UNDER ONE OF
HIS EYES...



HA! I'D
LIKE TO
FIND SOME
CHICKS
THAT WAY!

HEY, DID
YOU HEAR?
JANA FOUND
SOME GUY
WASHED UP
UNCONSCIOUS
ON THE BEACH
TODAY!



HEY!
WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING
?!

DAMMIT
!!

YUP! I
CALLED
A DOCTOR
OVER, BUT
YOUR LIFE
WASN'T IN
DANGER.

THAT'S IT! I
CAN'T LIVE IN
SHAME LIKE
THIS ANY
LONGER!!

PEEL

I SHOULD
BE DEAD!
I HAVE TO
BE DEAD!!

DON'T
FOLLOW
ME!!!

PLEASE,
WAIT!!
YOUR
BODY IS
STILL--

SHUT UP!!
BE QUIET!!

UM...
WHERE
ARE
YOU...?

YOU!!

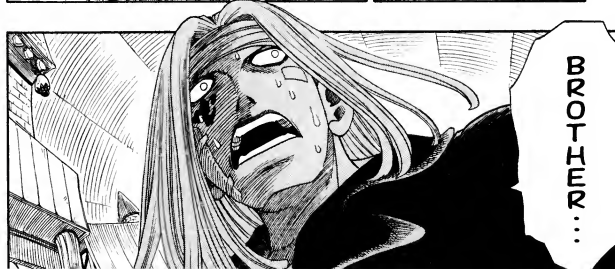
I
TOLD
YOU
NOT TO--

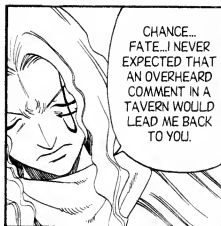
I DON'T KNOW
IF HE'S SERIOUS,
BUT I CAN'T JUST
LET HIM KILL
HIMSELF!

IT'S NOT
THE TIME
FOR SUCH
THOUGHTS!

MAYBE
HE'S MY
TYPE?

SCARY
GUY...
THOUGH
HE IS
KINDA
CUTE.





CHANCE...
FATE...I NEVER
EXPECTED THAT
AN OVERHEARD
COMMENT IN A
TAVERN WOULD
LEAD ME BACK
TO YOU.



BROTHER...?
DC...?

IT'S BEEN
A WHILE,
JEGAN. I
HEAR YOU'VE
BEEN RUNNING
WITH DEMON
CARD THESE
DAYS.



YOU SAID IT
YOURSELF--
I AM NO
BROTHER OF
YOURS!

I HAVE
NOTHING TO
SAY TO YOU
NOW.



AND NOW
YOU'RE IN DEMON
CARD...IT SEEMS
NEITHER OF US
CAN ESCAPE
THE PASSAGE
OF TIME.

EVEN NOW,
I REGRET
BRINGING
YOU TO THE
SURFACE
LONG AGO.



SO WHAT?
YOU'RE
SEARCHING FOR
REVENGE? OR
SURVIVORS OF
THE EMPIRE?



I KNOW. I HEAR
THE SOLDIERS'
WEEPING
HEARTS IN MY
DREAMS.

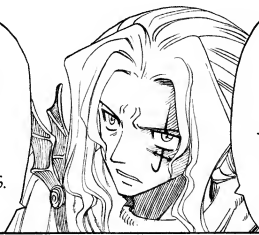


YOUR
HOME, THE
EMPIRE, WAS
DESTROYED...
BY US.



FIND
OUT
WHAT?

HE HOLDS
THE KEY
TO THE
WORLD. I
NEED TO
FIND OUT
SOMETHING.

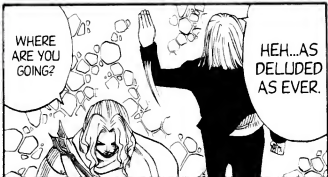


NO. I
TRAVEL
TO MEET
THE RAVE
MASTER.



...THE
GREAT
WILL
THAT
INFUSES
HIS
BLADE.

FROM
WHERE
HAILS...



WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

HEH...AS
DELUDED
AS EVER.



I SEEK A
PLACE TO
DIE.



AS A RESULT, I
LOST MY ONLY
FRIEND...AND THE
ONE I LOVED. I
HAVE NOTHING
LEFT.

I'VE ALWAYS
STRAYED
FROM THE
PATH.



STRAYING
FROM THE
PATH DOES
NOT MEAN
YOU CAN
NEVER STEP
BACK ON IT.

YOU ARE
NOT ALONE.



WHAT
OF YOUR
FAMILY?

DO
NOT
SAY
THAT.

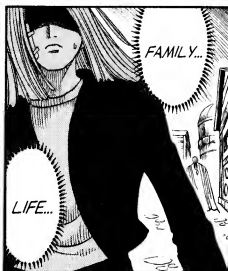
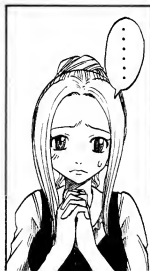
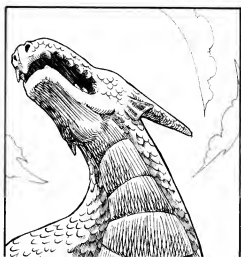


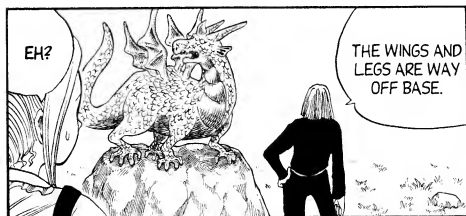
DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH!

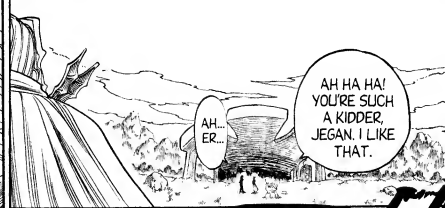


JUST
LIKE ME...
BECAUSE
WE'RE
FAMILY.

WHATEVER
HARDSHIPS
YOU'VE
FACED...I
BELIEVE YOU
CAN LIVE A
GOOD LIFE
FROM HERE
ON.

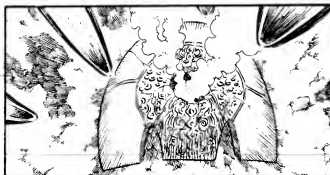
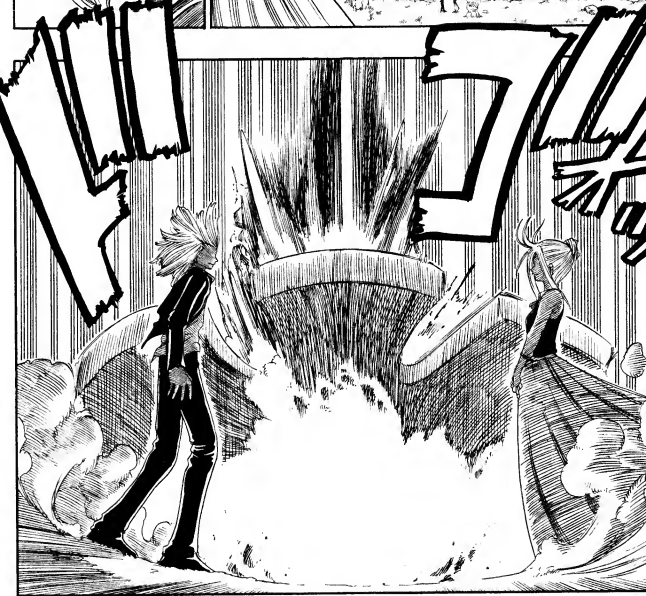






AH...
ER...

AH HA HA!
YOU'RE SUCH
A KIDDER,
JEGAN. I LIKE
THAT.







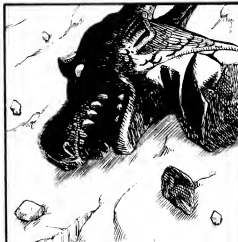
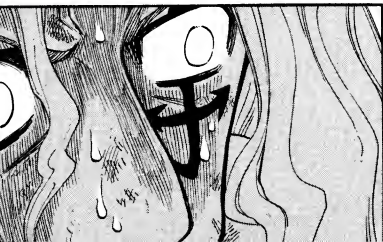
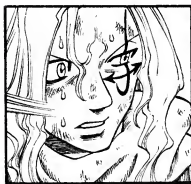


World's
Mightiest Sorcerer--
Shakuma



MAGNIFICENT!
MY MASTER
CAN CONTROL
EVEN THE
HEAVENS!

THE SEALED
AWAY SPACE
MAGIC,
METEORITE
SHOWER!!





WHAT
HAVE
YOU
DONE,
YOU
MONSTER
?!

WHY?!
WHY
HAVE
YOU
DONE
THIS?!!

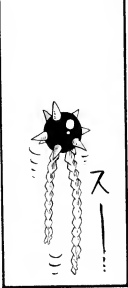
UWAAAGH!!



THE RAVE
MASTER
NOW
POSSESSES
"VAMPIRE,"
THE FINAL
PIECE.

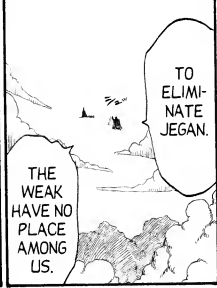
THIS IS
THE
FOURTH
SINCLAIRE
STONE.

CATCH



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!!



TO
ELIMI-
NATE
JEGAN.

THE
WEAK
HAVE NO
PLACE
AMONG
US.



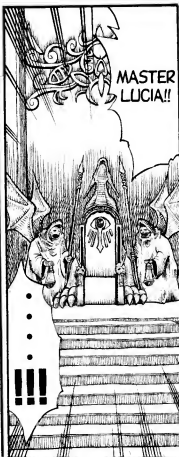
THE REST
IS UP TO
YOU, DEEP
SNOW.

SOON
WE WILL
REACH STAR
MEMORY, THE
LEGENDARY
BIRTHPLACE
OF ALL.



HE'S
NOT
HERE?

WHERE'D
HE GO...?



MASTER
LUCIA!!

!!!



MASTER
LUCIA!!
GOOD
NEWS!!

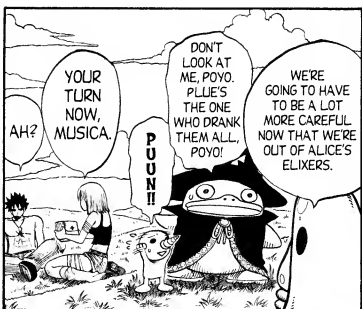
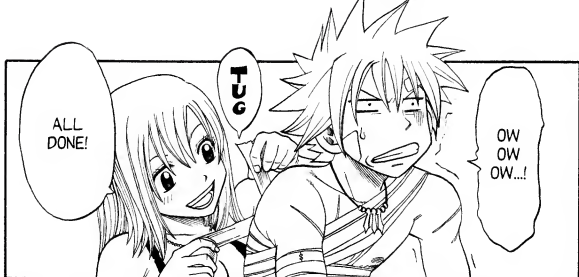
HAJA HAS
OBTAINED
THE
FOURTH
SINCLAIRE!!

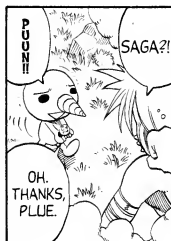
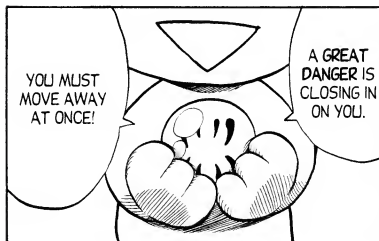
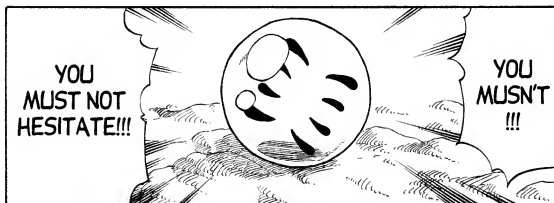


I WILL
TAKE THE
LAST
SINCLAIRE
MYSELF.

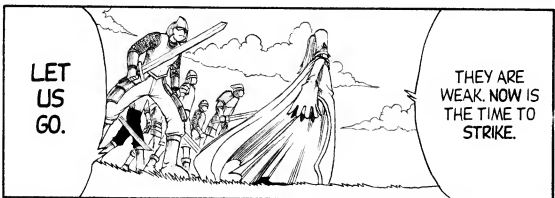
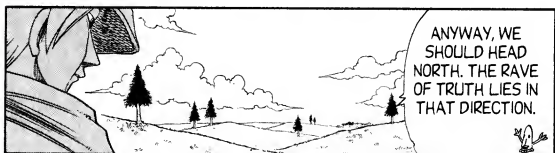
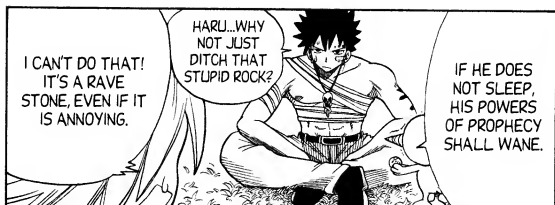
IT IS TIME
TO DO
BATTLE...
RAVE
MASTER.

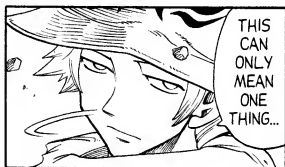






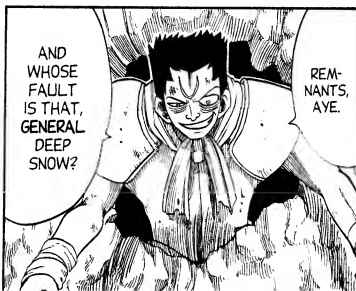






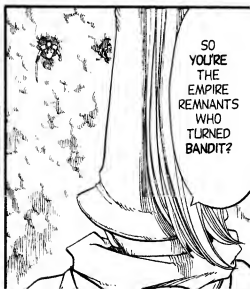


...UNDERGROUND

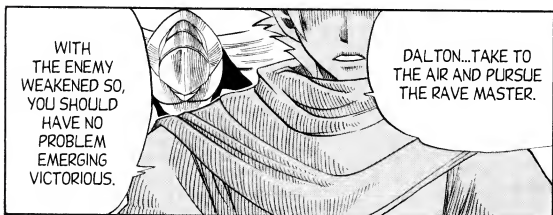


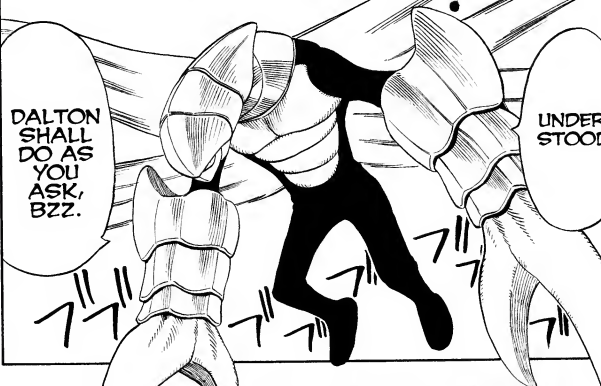
AND
WHOSE
FAULT
IS THAT,
GENERAL
DEEP
SNOW?

REM-
NANTS,
AYE.



SO
YOU'RE
THE
EMPIRE
REMNANTS
WHO
TURNED
BANDIT?





DALTON
SHALL
DO AS
YOU
ASK,
BZZ.

UNDER-
STOOD.

DALTON
THE
CHRYSLIS
?!
ざあ ざあ

NO
WAY...

HE
SAID
DALTON
JUST
NOW?

DALTON?

NO
WAY!
HE
WAS IN
WITH
DEEP
SNOW
ALL
ALONG
?!
あ

HE'S THE
EMPIRE'S
MIGHTIEST
WARRIOR!!

ONCE
PART OF THE
IMPERIAL
GUARD...HE'S
NOW THE
EMPEROR'S
RIGHT-HAND
MAN!



THE EMPIRE
IS DEAD!!
YOU HAVE
NO ONE TO
PROTECT!!!

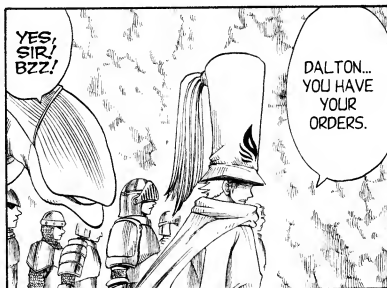
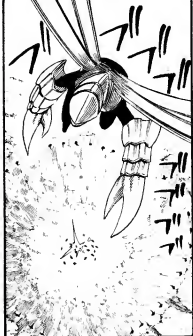
WE ARE
NOW THE
SWORD
AND
SHIELD OF
MASTER
DEEP
SNOW!!!



...AND
GOLDEN-
EYE
BROSNAN!!!
ALL
OF THE
IMPERIAL
GUARD!!

NOT
JUST HIM!
MOORE
THE FULL
MOON...

LAZENBY
THE
WHITE
FLAME?!



YES, SIR!
BZZ!

DALTON...
YOU HAVE
YOUR
ORDERS.



AND IN THIS
TERRAIN,
THE
ADVANTAGE
IS OURS!

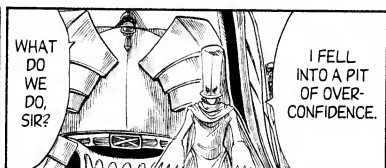
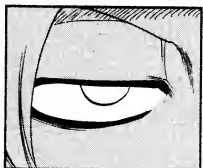
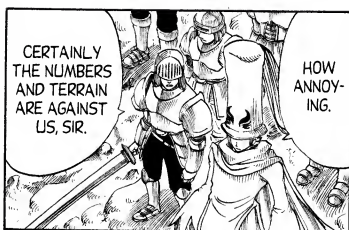
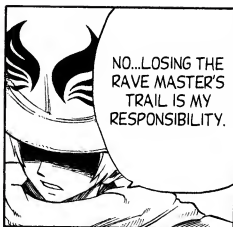
DON'T BACK
DOWN NOW! THE
UNDERGROUND'S
STILL THE MIGHTIEST
MERCENARY FORCE
AROUND!

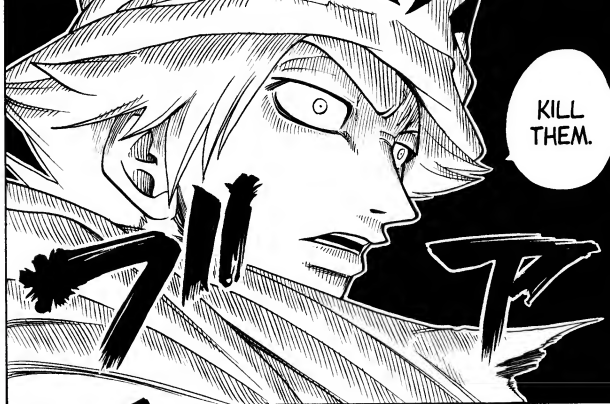
THE
IMPERIAL
GUARD...
HERE?!



LET'S
GET
'EM!!!

LET'S SHOW
THESE
TREACHEROUS
SECOND-
STRINGERS THE
POWER OF FRONT-
LINE FORCES!!!

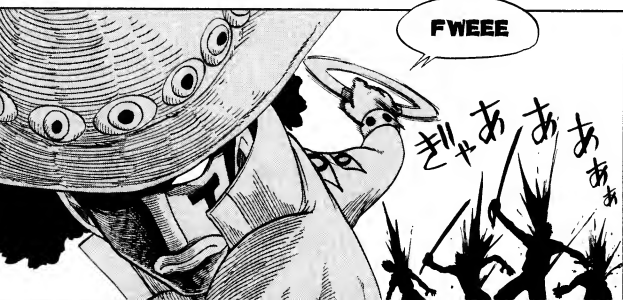




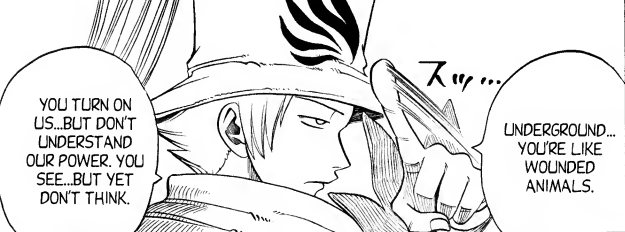
KILL THEM.



G W A A A A A H!!!

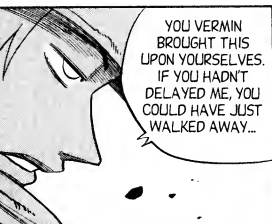




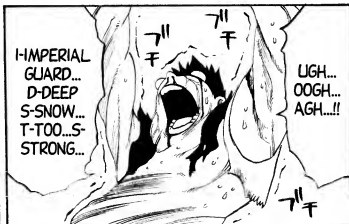


YOU TURN ON US...BUT DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR POWER. YOU SEE...BUT YET DON'T THINK.

UNDERGROUND... YOU'RE LIKE WOUNDED ANIMALS.



YOU VERMIN BROUGHT THIS UPON YOURSELVES. IF YOU HADN'T DELAYED ME, YOU COULD HAVE JUST WALKED AWAY...



I-IMPERIAL GUARD... D-DEEP S-SNOW... T-TOO...S-STRONG...

UGH... OOGH... AGH...!!



HYAH!!

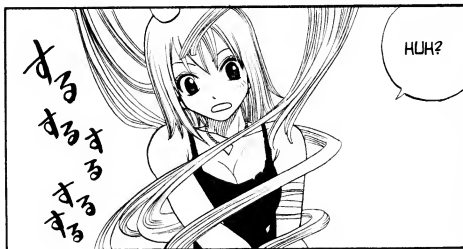
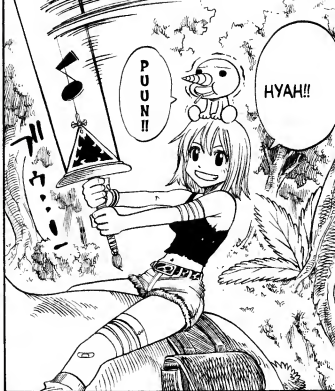
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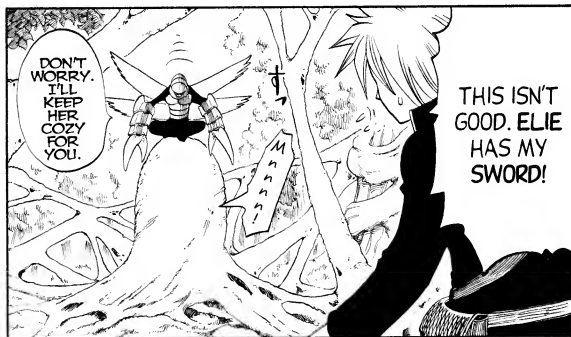
I'M SURE HE'LL MEET UP WITH US SOMETIME.

SOMETIME, HUH?

OH NO, POYO! SINCE WE MOVED, HOW WILL LET FIND US, POYO?







RAVE MASTER





HOW
WILL YOU
FIGHT,
RAVE
MASTER?

NO
FRIENDS,
NO
RAVE, NO
SWORD...



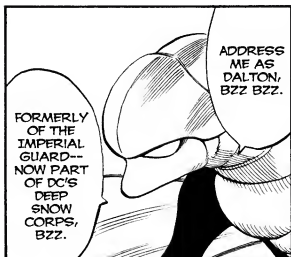
LET
THEM
GO!!

YOU
BASTARD
!!



HUH?

WHOOH!!

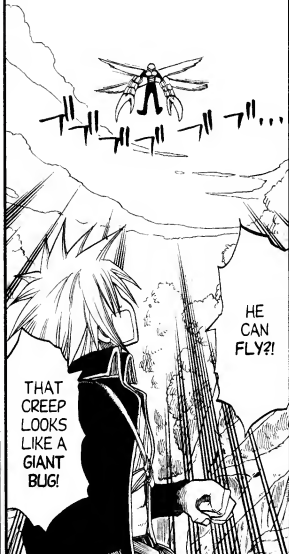


FORMERLY
OF THE
IMPERIAL
GUARD--
NOW PART
OF DC'S
DEEP
SNOW
CORPS,
BZZ.

ADDRESS
ME AS
DALTON,
BZZ BZZ.



DC,
HUH?



HE
CAN
FLY?!

THAT
CREEP
LOOKS
LIKE A
GIANT
BUG!



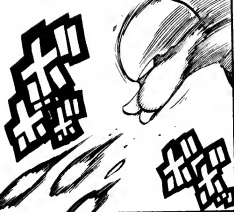
! AH...I
FORGOT TO
MENTION.
YOUR
FRIENDS
CAN'T
BREATHE
IN THEIR
COCOONS,
BZZ.



SHOW
ME HOW
THE RAVE
MASTER
FIGHTS
IN THIS
SITUATION.

SHUT
UP AND
COME
DOWN
HERE!!





...IS
STRONG
AS STEEL--
AND AS
FAST AS A
BULLET.

MY
WEBBING
...



OW...!
THAT
HURT,
YOU
JERK!



WAAH!!



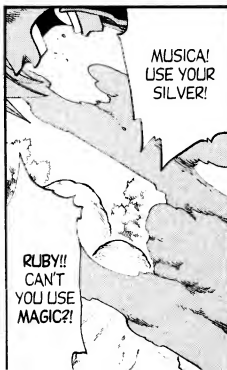
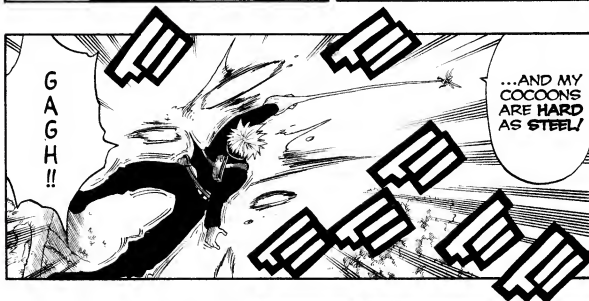
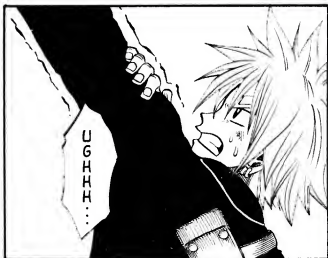
PITIFUL
RESIS-
TANCE...

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK
A MERE
ROCK
WILL
DEFEAT
ME?



RIGHT
BACK
AT
'CHA
!!!







YOU
CAN'T
FIGHT
WITHOUT
YOUR
FRIENDS,
BZZ.



YOU
CAN'T
FIGHT
WITHOUT
THE RAVE
AND THE
SWORD,
BZZ.

ACK!!

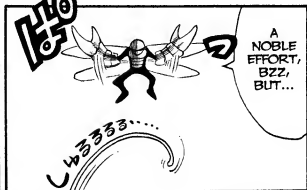


IN THE
END, YOU
CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
BY
YOURSELF.



...I'LL
PULL
YOU
DOWN
TO
ME!!

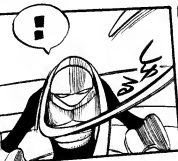
IF I
CAN'T
COME
UP
THERE
...





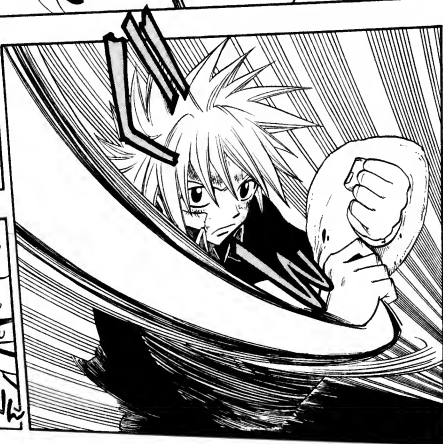
ARE WE
LIVING
IN THE
STONE
AGE,
BZZ?!

WHAT'S THIS,
BZZ? STILL
THROWING
ROCKS?!



HUH?

WHAT'S
THIS?



HEH...YOU
SAID IT
WAS TOUGH
STUFF.



YOU MADE
A FLAIL
OUT OF MY
THREAD
AND
COCCON
?!



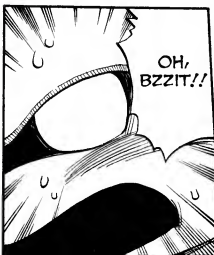
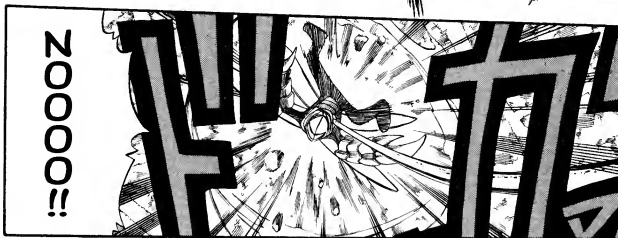
Flail-



This thing.



NOW TO
BRING YOU
DOWN TO
EARTH!!





YOU
AIN'T
GETTING
AWAY
THIS
TIME!



HEH
HEH...
FOOL! MY
SHELL IS
HARD AS
STEEL,
BZZ!!

BARE-
HANDED
ATTACKS
WON'T
WORK!!

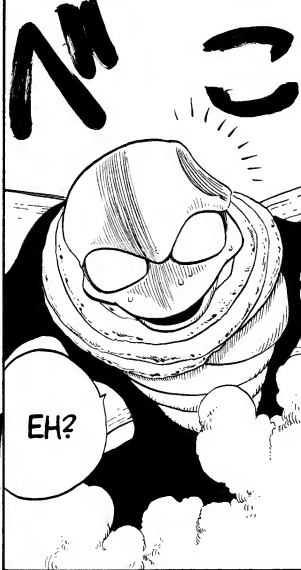


KHA



YEAH,
THAT
DID
KINDA
HURT.

EH
H
H
?!!



EH?



...THE VERY FIRST
DEMON CARD THUG
I FOUGHT HAD A DB
THAT TURNED HIS
BODY TO STEEL. I
COULDN'T EVEN MAKE
A SCRATCH IN HIS
HIDE.

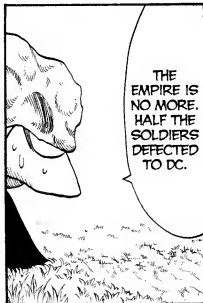
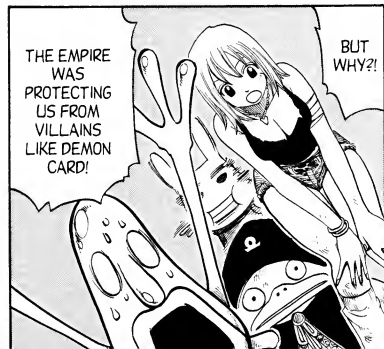
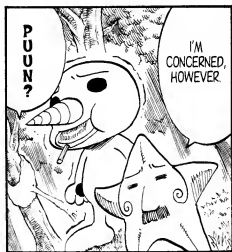
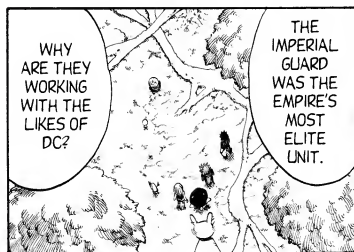


WHEN
I CAME
ACROSS
RAVE THE
FIRST TIME...



HE
DENTED
MY
SHELL?!





BUT PEOPLE
HAVE TO WORK
TO EAT, BZZ,
SO LOTS OF
SOLDIERS WITH
BLACK HEARTS
ENDED UP IN
THE EMPIRE.



SPEAKING AS
A FORMER
SOLDIER, I
DON'T THINK
IT'S POSSIBLE
TO BRING
PEACE TO THIS
WORLD,
BZZ.



EVEN
SO,
I--



WORLD PEACE
IS A MYTH,
BZZ. WAR WILL
CONTINUE--EVEN
WITHOUT RAVE
AND THE DARK
BRINGS.



RAVE MASTER,
YOU ARE TOO
NAIVE. DC
IS NOT THE
SOURCE OF
EVIL IN THIS
WORLD. EVIL
IS EVERY-
WHERE.





...HAS
ARRIVED
!!!

I, LAZENBY,
SHALL
VANQUISH
THESE
EVILDOERS
AND AVENGE
YOU!

D-
DALTON?!
WHAT
HAVE
THEY
DONE TO
YOU, OLD
FRIEND?

I SENSED A
CITIZEN IN
DISTRESS AND
CAME AS FAST
AS I COULD!

ENEMY?
I THINK
NOT!

OH
HO
!!

SHAME ON YOU, USING
THE RAVE STONES FOR
EVIL AND BRINGING
CHAOS TO THE WORLD!
FEEL MY FLAMES
OF JUSTICE, RAVE
MASTER!!

ZAP!

UH...
EVIL-
DOERS?

IF YOU
HAVEN'T
ALREADY
NOTICED,
BZZ, DC'S
FED HIM
SOME...
MISINFOR-
MATON.

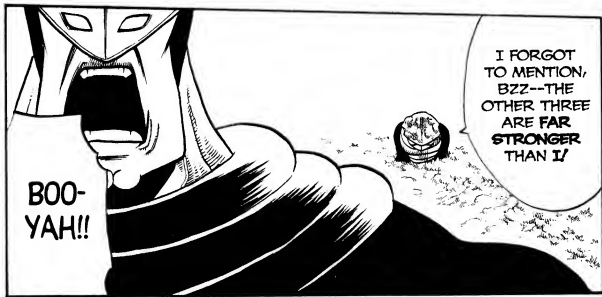
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RAVE
MASTER...
YOU ARE
NAIVE.
BUT NOT
HALF AS
MUCH AS
HIM.

SHAAAAAAA!!

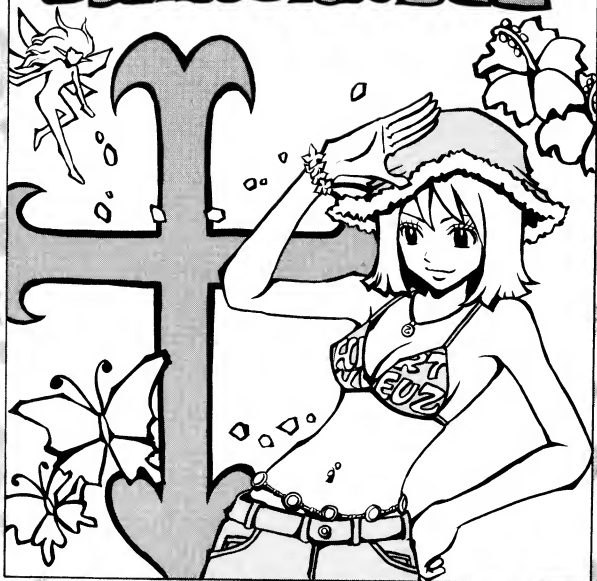
LET ME
PUT HIM
OUT
OF HIS
MISERY
...

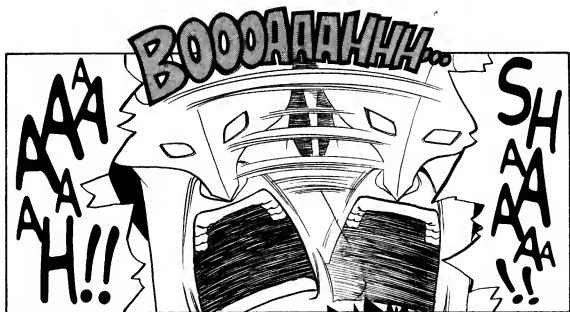
SOMEHOW,
THIS FIGHT
FEELS
KINDA...
WELL,
PATHETIC.



RAVE MASTER

HEART & REUZ





LOOKS
LIKE WE'VE
GOTTA TAKE
THIS FIGHT
SERIOUSLY.



GOTTA
RESPECT
BRUTE
FORCE.

UGLY
THERE
REALLY
PACKS A
PUNCH.



LET'S
GO!!



ULTRA-
WHITE
SUPER-
FIRE
CANNON
MODEL
ZERO!!!



PUN!!

HARU!!
MUSICA!!



WHITE
FLAME?!



IT'S
OKAY!!
WE'VE
GOT RUNE
SAVE!



I'LL
HANDLE
THIS.



WOW,
POYO!!! HE
SCATTERED
THE FLAMES
WITH WIND,
POYO!!!

DON'T
YOU
HAVE A
MAGIC
WIND
SWORD
?!



NO WAY!!
HOW CAN
MY SILVER
BURN?!



HUH?



IT'S A
TECH-
NIQUE FOR
BINDING
AND
BURNING
EVIL-
DOERS!

I
CALL
IT
BOND...
FIRE
BOND.



WHAT
THE--?! IT'S
STICKIN'
TO THE
GROUND!





SILVER CLAIMING.
SURPRISED?



TCH!

LOLO



I SEE...SO
YOU ARE THE
NOTORIOUS
MASTER THIEF
MUSICA.

SILVER CLAIMING?



THIS GUY...HE'S
SOME KIND OF A
SUPERMAN!



UGH!!

I
SHALL
END
YOUR
EVIL
WAYS,
VILLAIN
!!

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SHAAAAA!!

ハッハッハッ!

SYLPHARION!!



GWAAH!!

ワッ

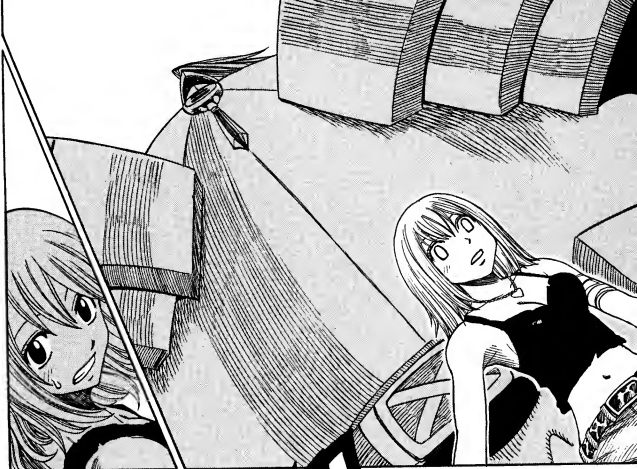
SUPRA
SMASHING
GUN
HANDLET
PUNCH!!!

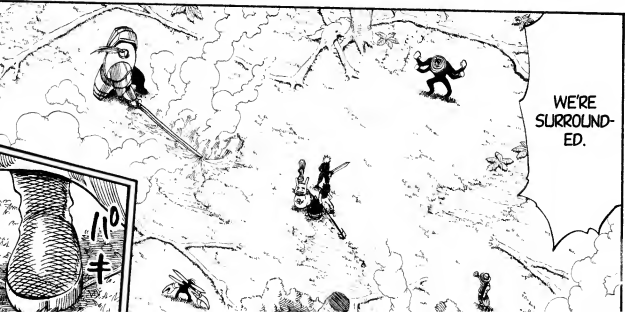
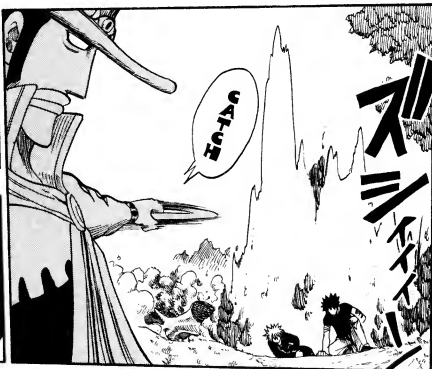


LOOKS
LIKE I'VE
GOT NO
CHOICE
BUT TO--

HANG
IN
THERE,
POYO!!

OH NO...!
HARU AND
MUSICA
ARE LOSING
BECAUSE
THEY'RE
STILL
INJURED!







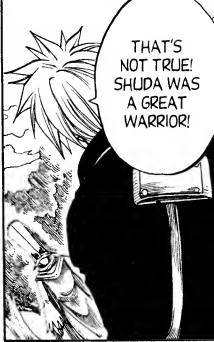
GREETINGS.
I'M DEEP SNOW
OF THE ORACION
SIX. PLEASD
TO MEET
YOU.

THOSE
SURROUNDING
YOU ARE MY
IMPERIAL
GUARDS.





PERHAPS BY YOUR
STANDARDS. TO
ME, HE IS NOTHING
BUT DIRT.



THAT'S
NOT TRUE!
SHUDA WAS
A GREAT
WARRIOR!



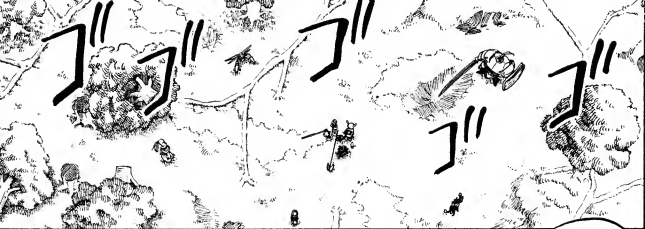
I THINK
THESE GUYS
ARE WORSE
THAN THE
DRAGONS!

LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE IN HOT
WATER--AGAIN.
SO...WHAT
SHOULD WE
DO?



WE HAVE
COME...TO
TAKE THE
SINCLAIRE
YOU
POSSESS.

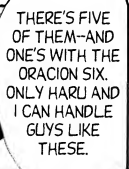
NOW, THEN...
WE DID NOT
COME HERE
FOR WARM
GREETINGS.



THIS
COULD
BE BAD.



BUT IN THIS
SHAPE? MAYBE
IF WE WEREN'T
INJURED...BUT
NOW...?



THERE'S FIVE
OF THEM--AND
ONE'S WITH THE
ORACION SIX.
ONLY HARU AND
I CAN HANDLE
GUYS LIKE
THESE.



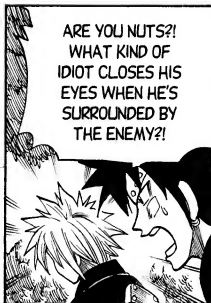
WHAT,
NOW?! AT A
TIME LIKE
THIS?!

HUH?

EVERYONE...
JOIN
HANDS.



JUST
DO
IT.



ARE YOU NUTS?!
WHAT KIND OF
IDIOT CLOSES HIS
EYES WHEN HE'S
SURROUNDED BY
THE ENEMY?!



...EVERYONE
CLOSE
YOUR
EYES.

ON
MY
SIGNAL...

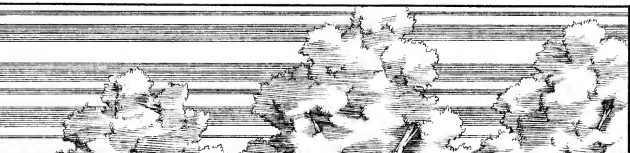


...I'M
CHOOSING
LIVING
OVER
FIGHTING
!!

RIGHT
NOW...



DAMN...! IT GOES
AGAINST MY
NATURE...BUT I
GUESS WE HAVE
NO CHOICE!



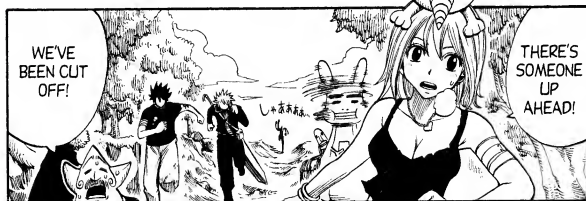
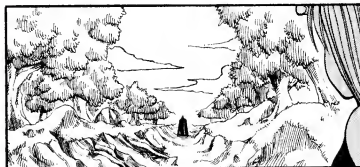


ARGH...!
ALL THAT
RUNNING
OPENED UP
MY
WOUNDS!

NOT
HIM...

じゃああああ

SOMEONE'S
ALREADY
CATCHING UP
TO US!



WE'VE
BEEN CUT
OFF!

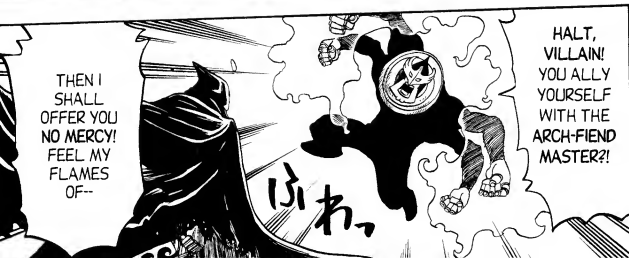
じゃああああ

THERE'S
SOMEONE
UP
AHEAD!



THERE'S
JUST
ONE...!
KEEP
MOVING!

NO WAY!
ANOTHER
ENEMY?!



THEN I
SHALL
OFFER YOU
NO MERCY!
FEEL MY
FLAMES
OF--

HALT,
VILLAIN!
YOU ALLY
YOURSELF
WITH THE
ARCH-FIEND
MASTER?!



YOU
CALL
THOSE
FLAMES?

DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH.



S H U D A !!!



YOU'RE
ALIVE?!

WE
MEET
AGAIN...
SON OF
GALE.

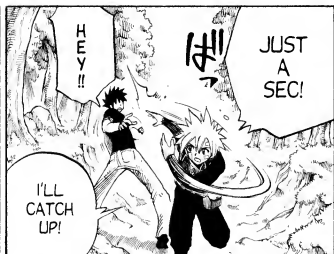


I'LL
SLAUGHTER
THIS
RABBLE.

KEEP
GOING.
YOU'LL
JUST
GET
IN MY
WAY.









HE'S NOT
A BAD
GUY. HE'S
JUST
BEEN
DUPED.

I'M
TAKING
HIM,
TOO!



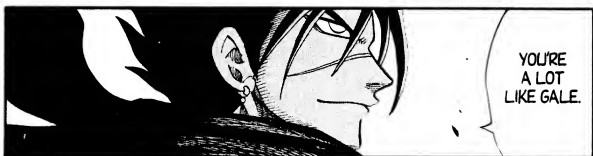
I
SUP-
POSE
SO.

YOU'RE A
MAN WHO
STANDS
BY HIS PRIN-
CIPLES.



HARU'S
SUCH A
NICE
GUY, POYO.

AW,
MAN...
NOT
HIM!



YOU'RE
A LOT
LIKE GALE.



HARU!!
ENOUGH!!
CUT THE
FRATERNIZING
AND GET YOUR
ASS OVER
HERE!!

OH YEAH...
YOU SAID
SOMEONE'S
WAITING
FOR US?





DO
IT
NOW.

NO. GO,
AND YOU
WILL
SEE.



GALE
IS...



SOMEONE
RELATED
TO MY
MEMORIES,
PERHAPS?

GALE'S
...?



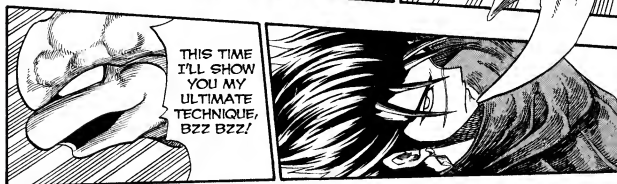
BUT...
WHO?

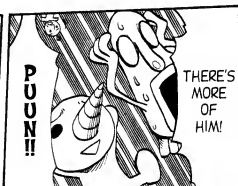
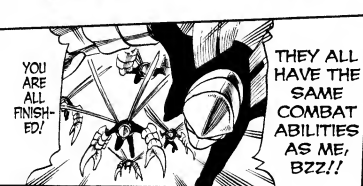
DAD?
SOMEONE
RELATED
TO
HIM...?



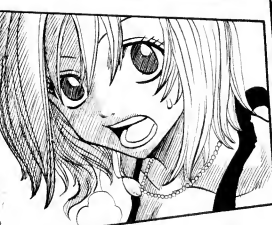
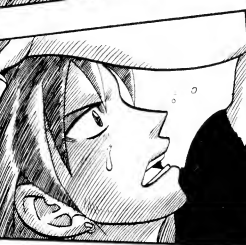
OKAY!
ANYWAY,
THANKS!!

GLAD
YOU'RE
ALIVE!
SEE YOU
LATER!

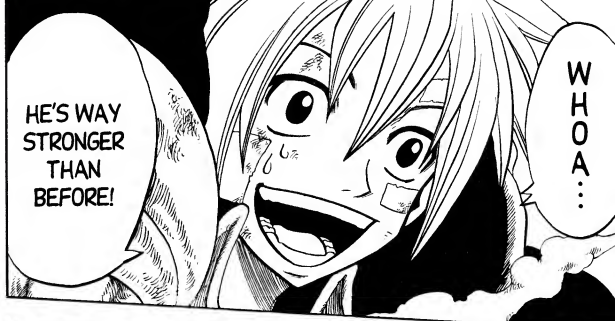


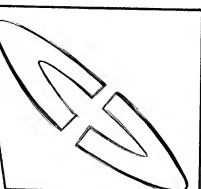
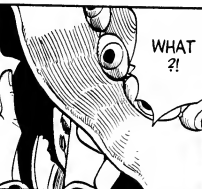


RIGHT
!!



THE SKY
DOES
NOT SUIT
YOU.

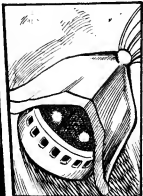
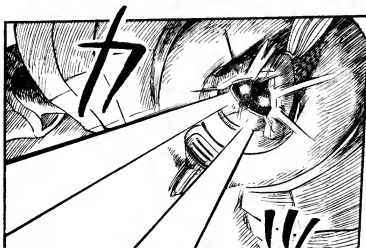






HMPH!
ONE
AFTER
ANOTHER...

UWAAAAAH!!





TRY PARRYING
THIS! THEY SPIN
THROUGH THE AIR
WITHOUT MAKING
A SOUND...!

**SILENT
CHAKRAM!!**



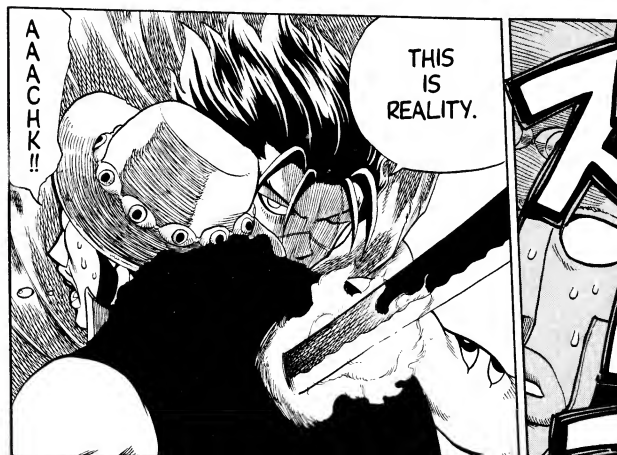
YOU TALK A GOOD
GAME. SILENT,
INVISIBLE...



AND MY
ULTIMATE
UNSEEN WEAPON--
INVISIBLE
CHAKRAM!



WORDS
CHANGE
NOTHING.



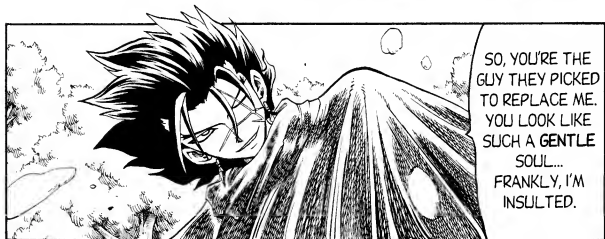
THIS
IS
REALITY.





IT IS A DEMON
SWORD FROM
THE ORIENT
SAID TO SPEW
FORTH FLAMES
FROM CUTTING
THE WIND.

THAT
SWORD...IS
IT THE
GHOST
BLADE,
ENTENKA?



SO, YOU'RE THE
GUY THEY PICKED
TO REPLACE ME.
YOU LOOK LIKE
SUCH A GENTLE
SOUL...
FRANKLY, I'M
INSULTED.



IT APPEARS
YOU'VE
MANAGED
TO INCREASE
YOUR SKILLS
BECAUSE OF
THAT SWORD.

YOUR OLD
TEAMMATES
HAD NOTHING
BUT DISPARAGING
THINGS TO SAY
ABOUT YOUR
ABILITIES.



I WAS
ALWAYS
PLANNING TO
TRACK YOU
DOWN AND
FINISH YOU
OFF.



SOUNDS LIKE
QUITE AN
AGENDA. ALL
I WANT...

...IS TO
TURN
YOU
TO
ASH.



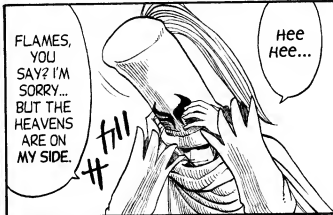
I NEVER
IMAGINED
YOU'D
COME TO
ME.

I WILL WIPE
YOUR MEMORY
FROM THE FACE
OF THE EARTH
AND PROVE
THAT ONLY THE
STRONGEST
BELONG AMONG
THE ORACION
SIX.



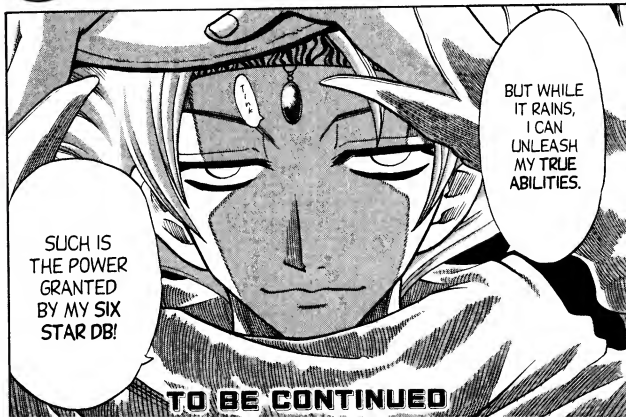
YOU
CAN'T SO
MUCH AS
IGNITE A
SPARK.

THE
STORM
CLOUDS
GATHER.
SOON IT
WILL BE
POURING.



hee
hee...

FLAMES,
YOU
SAY? I'M
SORRY...
BUT THE
HEAVENS
ARE ON
MY SIDE.



SUCH IS
THE POWER
GRANTED
BY MY SIX
STAR DB!

BUT WHILE
IT RAINS,
I CAN
UNLEASH
MY TRUE
ABILITIES.

TO BE CONTINUED

Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner

- Q.** What character does Hiro-kun find easiest to draw? And who's hardest, too?

[Tuck - Aichi Prefecture]

- A.** The critters are easiest: Plue, Griff and Bony. Musica is easiest among the humans. Haja and Deep Snow are hard to draw...though I'm not really sure why. I apologize to any characters I'll mess up in the future!

- Q.** I'm wondering about "The Peach Man Cometh" incomplete version on p. 89, Vol. 16. You wrote that there would be another verse...**OR DID YOU FORGET?**

[Badman Elite, Aichi Prefecture]

- A.** Okay, then... let's do three!!

Slow feet
Slow ship
But
Momotaro pushes on
Born from a peach
Raised as an orphan
But
He's the Peach Man!

- Q.** How strong is Elie's Casino Power?

[Satomi Nakamura - Nagano Prefecture]

- A.** As powerful as 20 million yen. Haru's 126 btw, Musica's 655 and Ruby's 20,000 power.

Afterwords

FREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEDOMMMMMMMM!!!
(IT'S FROM *BRAVEHEART*, SORRY IF SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET IT...) HI...MASHIMA, HERE.

I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH ROOM FOR BONUS PAGES THIS VOLUME, SO I COULDN'T INCLUDE "LEVIN'S RAVE MASTER." I APOLOGIZE TO THOSE WHO WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...

I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE--THESE BONUS PAGES EXIST IN A CRUEL WORLD THAT DOESN'T ALLOW ME TO SAY "I WANT MORE!" OR "I'M TOO BUSY TO DO MORE THAN THIS!" SO THERE MAY BE VOLUMES IN THE FUTURE THAT HAVE NO BONUS PAGES. THAT'S WHY I'M MAKING THE EXCUSES NOW. SO PLEASE--DON'T GET MAD WHEN IT DOES HAPPEN.

OH, YEAH...THAT *BRAVEHEART* (A MOVIE I LOVE) COMMENT EARLIER REMINDED ME THAT THE NAMES OF THE IMPERIAL GUARDS SHARE A COMMON TRAIT...BUT YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE A HUGE MOVIE FAN TO FIGURE IT OUT. AS YOU CAN SEE, A LOT OF RAVE MASTER IS INFLUENCED BY MY LOVE OF MOVIES.

THE NAME DORYU WAS BASED OFF DREW BARRYMORE ('CUZ SHE SEEMS STRONG). BONNY IS FROM *BONNIE AND CLYDE* (ALSO ONE OF MY FAVORITE FLICKS). THERE SHOULD BE A LOT MORE. HECK, I BET I UNCONSCIOUSLY PUT SOME IN THERE, TOO. ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I LOVE MOVIES! YUP. MOVIES ARE TOTALLY COOL....

HIRO MASHIMA